

1: General Format of a Works Cited Sheet

It is important to have a standard format for the resources we use so that anyone who looks at the Works Cited sheet would understand. The general format of a Works Cited follow these guidelines:

- **Title**
 - **Works Cited** instead of *Bibliography*
 - Centered and not underlined
- **Alphabetical Order**
 - All items are arranged alphabetically by *last name of author*
 - *If no author* is given, skip to the *title*
 - Do not separate items by type of resource.
- **Hanging Indent**
 - Begin the first line of all entries at the left margin
 - Every additional line is indented
- **Spacing**
 - Double-space the entire list, both between and within entries.

2: Books

- Create a citation of a book using the example given :

Author (last name, first name). *Title*. Publisher, year of publication.

Rowlings, J.K. *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. Raincoast Books, 1997.

3: The Core Elements of a MLA Style Works Cited Sheet

Core elements are those basic pieces of information that should be common to all sources, from books to articles, from lectures to tweets.

- **Capitalization**
 - Capitalize each word in the titles of articles, books, etc., but not the articles, short prepositions, or conjunctions unless one is the first word of the title or subtitle: *Gone with the Wind*, *The Art of War*
- **Italics**
 - *Italicize titles* of books, website names, and database names.
- **Punctuation**
 - Note the use of specific punctuation - quotations (“”), commas, periods (.), where applicable.
- **Containers**
 - “hold” the source. For example, if a television program is watched on Netflix, *Netflix* is the container. Both the title of the source and its container are included in the citation.
- **Other Elements that may also appear**
 - Other Contributors - editors, illustrators, translators, etc. if their contributions are relevant
 - Version – edition or version of a work
 - Number – volume and issue numbers
- **Publication/Copyright date**
 - If several dates are listed, the most recent should be cited.
 - For websites, the copyright date at the bottom of the webpage can be used if no other date is found
- **Location**
 - Where source is found (ex. URL, page number(s), physical place)

Using the example citation given, put the core elements in order:

Dunbar, John. “NASA Begins Full-Scale Rehearsals for Shuttle's Return to

Flight.” *NASA Human Spaceflight*. NASA, 10 Nov. 2009,

www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2004/oct/HQ_04343_RTF_sims.html.

Title of source.	Title of container
Publisher	Publication date

Author.	Location.
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4: Websites

- Create a citation of a website article using the example given :

Author (last name, first name). "Title of Web Page. (if not same as main page)"

Name of Main Page. Publisher of web site, Date created or revised, URL.

Dunbar, John. "NASA Begins Full-Scale Rehearsals for Shuttle's Return to

Flight." *NASA Human Spaceflight*. NASA, 10 Nov. 2009,

www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2004/oct/HQ_04343_RTF_sims.html.

5: Databases

- Create a citation of a database using the example given :

Author (last name, first name). "Title of Article." *Title of Original Source for Article,*

Volume number (if applicable), Issue number (if applicable), Date created or

revised, Page numbers. Title of Database being used, URL.

Friscolanti, Michael. "The Other Runaways." *Maclean's*, 31 Oct. 2016, p. 20. *Canada*

in Context,

link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A468049395/CIC?u=40nwss&xid=b8581fae.

Harkin, Michael E. "2015 Presidential Address the Emotional Archive: The Formation of

Social Memory of the Residential School Experience in British

Columbia." *Ethnohistory*, vol. 63, no. 3, July 2016, p. 459. *MasterFILE Premier,*

doi:10.1215/00141801-3503027.