

This short video will provide you with the basic information for formatting your works cited page. Before we look at a couple of examples, here are some things to remember about your works cited list:

1. No source should appear on your works cited list that is not cited in your paper with in-text citations. Your teacher may offer the option of a “works consulted” page, but “cited” means you cited that source in your text.
2. Your sources should be listed in alphabetical order by the first word of each entry.
3. Each source type has its own structure, so a book has a certain structure, as does a journal article, a magazine article, etc. You cannot memorize the structures. You simply have to look up the formatting each time you begin putting together your works cited list.

In this short video, we cannot address all the many types of sources you might encounter, but the first two sources highlighted here provide you with an example of a journal article and an edited book.

One nice thing about following MLA formatting carefully is that your readers can tell by simply looking at your works cited list what kinds of sources you used because of the structure and order of information.

Remember, it is important to keep a good MLA resource handy as you create your works cited list. You may rely on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th edition or a reliable online writing lab like the Excelsior College Online Writing Lab.