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Your referencing includes two main parts:

- a citation within the text of your assignment
- a list of references or bibliography at the end of your assignment

In-text citations

MLA in-text citations should:

1. **Identify the source** of the information, e.g. author's name or a brief title. Use whichever information appears first in the full reference for the item.
2. **Identify the location** where the information was found, e.g. page number(s), chapter number(s), or time. For some items that have no pagination or other division, such as web pages or online articles, it may be appropriate to leave out this element of the reference.

Examples:

Book/journal article	(Atwood 83–4)
E-book without pagination	(Austen ch. 5)
Film (<i>title in italics</i>)	(<i>Alien</i> 00:24:13–18)
Web page	(York St John University)

Where multiple items by the same author are cited, you should also provide additional **distinguishing information**, such as a brief title. (Where titles are used, use either *italics* or “quote marks” depending on how the title appears in the full reference.)

Book/journal article with distinguishing information	(Atwood, <i>Negotiating</i> 83–4)
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Key reference examples

Full information about the source is then provided in the bibliography or reference list at the end of the document.

Books

Format	Author. <i>Book title in italics</i> . Edition, Publisher, Date.
Example	Atwood, Margaret. <i>Negotiating with the dead: a writer on writing</i> . 2 nd ed., Cambridge University Press, 2002.

Journal articles

Format	Author. "Article title in quote marks." <i>Journal title in italics</i> , Volume, Issue number, Date, Page range. For electronic articles: Author. "Article title in quote marks." <i>Journal title in italics</i> , Volume, Issue number, Date, Page range. <i>Collection in italics</i> , DOI or URL.
Examples	Cowan, Brian William. "Mr. Spectator and the Coffeehouse Public Sphere." <i>Eighteenth-Century Studies</i> , vol. 37, no. 3, 2004, pp. 345–366. Falter, Elizabeth and Neville, Sarah. "William Shakespeare's Much A-Zoom About Nothing." <i>International Journal of Performance Arts and Digital Media</i> , vol. 16, no. 3, 2020, pp.306-318. EBSCO, 10.1080/14794713.2020.1831828.

Web pages

Format	Author/corporate author. "Web page title in quote marks." <i>Website where the page is hosted in italics</i> , Date last updated, URL. If the date the web page was last updated is not available, you should instead include the date of access after the URL: Author/corporate author. "Web page title in quote marks." <i>Website where the page is hosted in italics</i> , URL. Accessed Date of access.
Examples	Modern Language Association of America. "Works Cited: A Quick Guide." <i>The MLA Style Center</i> , 2022, https://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/ . York St John University. "Your Academic Liaison Librarians." <i>York St John University</i> , https://www.yorks.ac.uk/students/library/academic-liaison-librarians/ . Accessed 14 Jun. 2022.

Chapter in an edited book

Format	Author. "Chapter title in quote marks." <i>Book title in italics</i> , edited by Editor, Publisher, Date, Page range.
Example	Robins, Fred C. "Beowulf." <i>The Cambridge companion to Old English Literature</i> , edited by Malcolm Godden, Cambridge University Press, 2006, pp. 142–159.

Film

Format	<i>Film title in italics</i> . Directed by Director, Film studio/distributor, Date.
Example	<i>Alien</i> . Directed by Ridley Scott, 20th Century Fox, 1979.

Other resources

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