**Citing in Modern Language Association (MLA) Style:**

**9th Edition**

**When, Where, and Why do We Cite?**

* **When**: When we quote, paraphrase, and use other people’s writing, ideas, statistics, and/or images.
* **Where**: We must cite inside our own paper (using in-text citations) and on our reference page at the end of our paper.
* **Why**: To give credit to others for their work and to give credibility to our own argument.

**Works Cited Entries**



\*\*\*Not all the information you need for citing is always available. Find what you can and leave out any missing elements.

\*Title of Container – journal, newspaper, website, YouTube channel, social media page, etc.

\*Location – page number(s), website URL

**When Should I Use *Italics* and/or “Quotation Marks?”**

* Book titles: *Italics*
* Articles/ Periodicals: “Quotation Marks”
* Movie title: *Italics*
* Songs/Poems: “Quotation Marks”
* Website titles: *Italics*
* Albums: “Quotation Marks”

**In-Text Citations**

* When the sentence does not contain the author’s name, give last name and location:
	+ e.g. “The themes of war being peace and freedom being slavery are highly criticized throughout” (Jones 4).
* When the author is in the sentence, just the page/paragraph is given.
	+ e.g. “George Orwell critiques the slogan ‘War is Peace’” (4).
* List all names when two or three authors are cited:
	+ e.g. (Jones, Williams, & Porter 44-52).
* Abbreviate when three or more authors are listed:
	+ e.g. (Jones et al 44-52).
* If you are using multiple texts by one author, you give the last name, the shortened title, and then the location:
	+ e.g. (Doe *Policy* 15).
* If no author is listed, give shortened title of piece and location:
	+ e.g. (“Table Tent” 22).
* No page number? See p. 159 of your *Trail Guide to Writing (4th edition)* for options.

**Example Works Cited Page**

\*Note: Citations are in alphabetical order, they have hanging indentions, and they are double-spaced.

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