

## MLA Guide: Works Cited

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### General Guidelines

1. Continue page numbers from research paper.
2. Center the title (Works Cited) one inch from top of page. Do not underline or use italics or quotation marks in this title.
3. Double space throughout your list including between and within entries.
4. Begin each entry against left margin; if an entry is longer than one line use a *hanging indent* of .5 inch for each subsequent line. (Type an entire citation for a source first and highlight it; then choose Format-Paragraph-Indentation-Hanging and Microsoft WORD will automatically format it for you. If using other word processing programs, search for similar aids.) DO NOT USE TAB or space bar to create your indent.
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7. Do not double space after a period.

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### Work Cited

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