



MLA and You: An Afternoon with the Purdue Owl

Step 1: Visit the Purdue Owl at <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

Step 2: Find the MLA Guide link (Hint: The link is located on the bottom left-hand quarter under suggested resources)

Step 3: Complete the Scavenger Hunt Below:

General Guidelines and Formatting the First Page of Your Paper:

1. The margins of your paper should be set at what length? _____
2. True or False: You need to create a running header in the upper right hand corner with your **Last Name** and **Page #?** (If false provide the correct answer)

3. What font style and size do you use? _____

4. True or False: In MLA format you should underline all titles?(If false provide the correct answer)

5. Do you need a title page? _____

MLA in-Text Citations the Basics

6. Circle all incorrect citations and provide proper corrections:

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings"
Wordsworth stated (Wordsworth 263).



Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

7. True or False: In-text citations do not need to correspond to the work cited page. (If false provide the correct answer)

8. For a print source with a known author (the author's name is provide) what two items must you include in your in-text citation?

9. If you are citing a print source from an unknown author (Author's is not provided) what information must you provide in your in-text citation?

10. Create a hypothetical in-text citation for the following: (You may use the examples found on the Purdue Owl or create your own)

Print Source with known author:

Print Source with **NO** known author:



Print Source with multiple authors:

Indirect Print Source:

Non-Print Source or Sources from the Internet:

List the information required to properly cite an internet source in order of availability:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Work Cited Page: Basic Format

11. True or False: Your work cited page should be in alphabetic order according to the author's last name?

Work Cited Pages: Books, Periodicals, Electronic Sources

12. Fill in the Blank:

Lastname, _____. Title of Book. Place of Publication: _____, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.



Author(s). "_____." Title of Periodical Day Month Year: pages.

_____.

List the information you need (if available) to cite an electronic source:

1. Author and/or editor names (if available)
2. _____ (if applicable)
3. Title of the Website, project, or book in italics. (Remember that some Print publications have Web publications with slightly different names. They may, for example, include the additional information or otherwise modified information, like domain names [e.g. .com or .net].)
4. _____.
5. Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
6. Take note of any page numbers (if available).
7. _____.
8. Date you accessed the material.



Name: _____ Date: _____ Block: _____

MLA Style Scavenger Hunt Part II

OWL (On-Line Writing Lab) at Purdue University

Directions: Find answers to the questions below at the following site: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

1. What **margin settings** are used for MLA format?
2. When typing the header information for an MLA paper, in what order do you type the date?
3. Where do the **page numbers** go on the first and subsequent pages of **your paper** and how are they **formatted**?
4. What type of **line spacing** is used in MLA format?
5. How do you format **short quotations** in an MLA style document? How do you format **long quotations**?
6. Where can you find a **sample** MLA style document? (What is the URL?)



7. How do you cite a **work in an anthology or collection** (like your textbook) on a **works cited page** and in an **in-text citation**?

8. How do you cite a web page, an **electronic resource**, on a works cited page and in an in-text citation?

9. How do you cite a newspaper or magazine article (**periodicals**) on a works cited page and in an in-text citation?

10. How do you cite a scholarly article (**periodicals**) on a works cited page and in an in-text citation?

11. How do you cite a **personal interview** on a works cited page and in an in-text citation?

12. The ability to **evaluate** sources is an important skill. Why should we evaluate our sources?

13. What does MLA stand for?



14. Why do people use MLA style?

15. What is **plagiarism** and why is it considered cheating?