MLA PRACTICE WORKSHEET

Use your handout on “Quoting and In-Text Citation Using MLA Guidelines” and your handbook to complete the following by:

1) filling in the in-text citation in the sentence
2) identifying the type of quote used in the sentence
3) writing out the complete works cited entry

Book with One Author
According to Eric Schlosser, “fast food chains are now gaining access to the last advertising-free outposts of American life”: public schools ( 51 ).


1. Works Cited Entry:

2. A Chapter from a Book with Two or More Authors
The authors state, “Evidence used to support ideas in an academic essay is usually paraphrased” (Dollahit and Haun 77).

Taken from Sourcework by Nancy E. Dollahite and Julie Haun, which was published in 2006 in Boston by Thomson Heinle. The quote is taken from page 77, in chapter 4 titled “Building a Paper,” which spans pages 72-97.

3. Works Cited Entry:

4. Book with Four Authors
The authors assert that “Most multicultural readers approach diversity in one of two ways” (Columbo et al. 5). OR (Columbo, Cullen, Laslow, and Lisle 5).

Taken from Rereading Culture by Gary Columbo, Robert Cullen, Linda Laslow, and Bonnie Lisle, page 5. The book was published in 2007 by Bedford/St. Martins in Boston.

5. Works Cited Entry:
   OR
6. Article in a Scholarly Journal (paginated by issue)
The author states that suicide is a theme in Toni Morrison’s novels (Snyder 401).

This idea was taken from the article “Revolutionary Suicide in Toni Morrison’s Fiction,” which was published in the African American Review in 2000 in volume 29, issue 34. The article was on pages 389-412. This idea was found on page 401. The author of the article is Nancy Snyder.

7. Works Cited Entry:

8. Article from a Popular Magazine
According to the researchers, hippos like to stay in the water as much as possible on hot days (Pomo 100).

This fact was taken from National Geographic. The article was titled “Land of the Surfing Hippos.” It was published in August 2004 on page 100. The author is Bill Pomo. National Geographic is a monthly magazine paginated by issue.

9. Works Cited Entry:

10. Personal Interview
The doctor told me that cancer of the pancreas is one of the most deadly types of the disease (Hay).

This information came from a personal interview with Dr. Trisha Hay, with was conducted on October 14, 2007.

11. Works Cited Entry:
12. Email Communication
Mr. Smith says, “The only reason for bungee jumping accidents is carelessness.”

Bob Smith wrote this to me (the author) in an email on February 28th, 2007. The subject of the email was “re: safe jumping.”

13. Works Cited Entry:

14. Article from a Website
Flintoff writes, “The religious board that supervises elections has disqualified thousands of independent and reform candidates.”

This article was taken from npr.org -- the website for National Public Radio. It is written by Corey Flintoff and is titled “Iranian Elections Provide View into Power Dynamics” in the World section of the website. This quote was taken from paragraph 2 of 10 paragraphs total. The article was published on March 12, 2008. I accessed it on March 13, 2008. It is a web source.

15. Works Cited Entry:

16. Article from a Newspaper
The author writes about one family that is trying to reduce its toxic footprint; in other words, they are trying to live more “green.” “The Goode family has not purchased deodorant for a year,” the writer says, “and they have not bought toothpaste or shampoo either” (Porter E4).

This quote came from the Toronto Star. The reporter who wrote the story is Catherine Porter. Her article was titled “How a Family Reduced Its Toxic Footprint.” The article appeared on page E4 on March 16th in 2009.

17. Works Cited Entry:
In-Text and Works Cited Citation Using MLA Guidelines

Books:

*In-text citation:*

**For single author** – include the author’s last name and the page number(s) in the parentheses, no punctuation between them.
Loneliness is inversely related to communication competence (Reinking 55).

**If the author’s name is used in the text** - no need to repeat it in the parentheses
Author Brian Taves suggests some interesting conclusions regarding the philosophy and politics of the adventure film (153-54, 171).

**If there are 2 or 3 authors** – use “and” not “&”
(Gilbert and Gubar 14) or (Rabkin, Greenberg, and Olander 23) or (Smith and Jones, par. 36)

**If there are more than 3 authors** - You may follow the method for 3 authors if you want to list them all or you may use the first author and add *et al.* (No punctuation between author and et al.)
(Rabkin, Greenberg, Smith, Jones, and Olander 23) or (Rabkin et al. 23)

*Works Cited List example:*

Last name, First name. *Title of Book.* Place of Publication: Publisher, Year. Print.

**Single author**

**Two or three authors**

**An article in a scholarly journal:**

*In-text citation:* (Pelter and McQuade 1811-1812).

*Works Cited list example:*


**Article from a Popular Magazine:**

*In-text citation:* (Lerner 42-43).

*Works Cited list example:*
Personal interview:

In-text citation: (Marchese)

Works Cited list example:


An e-mail communication:

In-text citation: (DiSano)

Works Cited list example:


Web site

In-text citation: ("Early Childhood Educational Issues")

Works Cited list example:


Article in a newspaper

In-text citation: (Wielaard 11A)

Works Cited list example:

To quote a resource from an internet-based resource:

Example:

Last name, First name of author or editor. *Title of Page*. Title of overall site if distinct from page title. Version or edition used. Publisher or sponsor. Date of publication. Medium (web) Date of access.

Use, in this order, as many of these items as are relevant and useful for clearly identifying the source document. The list is long not so that you will include all of it in every reference, but because Web page content and format vary so widely.

1. Author or editor's last name, then first name.

2. Title of the article in quotation marks.

3. Web site name, italicized. (Underlining is no longer used.)

4. Edition or version number.

5. Web site owner or sponsor if available.

6. Date of publication (DD MM YYYY as in 15 June 2009). If a publication date is not available, use n.d. for "no date."

7. The word Web and a period to indicate the publication medium.

8. The date you accessed the site and a period.
9. [If required by your instructor or if it's necessary to find the article, include the URL (uniform resource locator--that is, Web address) of the document <in angle brackets> followed by a period.]