MLA

Modern Language Association

The MLA provides writers with a system for referencing information sources. Writers use a standard set of conventions to properly document the oral, written, and electronic works of others. If credit is not given to an author or organization, plagiarism may be suspected.

Subject use → *drama, English, history, music, philosophy, religious studies, and visual art*

A.   In-Text Citing

An in-text citation is a reference that appears adjacent to a quote or paraphrased statement in an essay or report.

> Dunton states . . .   signal phrase
> (Dunton 27)   parenthetical citation

When quoting from a print or electronic work with an author(s), include the last names of the author(s) and a page number.

No poet displays the Elizabethan era vocabulary explosion more fully than Shakespeare (Dunton and Riding 39).

When quoting from a print or electronic work without an author, use the first item that appears in your Works Cited entry.

61.8% of immigrants who arrived in Canada between 2011 and 2016 were born in Asia (Statistics Canada).   ← *name of organization*

Titles should be italicized if it is a long work (e.g. entire website) or placed in quotation marks if it is a short work (e.g. article)

The *Purdue Online Writing Lab* is accessed by millions of users every year. Its "MLA Formatting and Style Guide" is its most popular resource.

If you are quoting or paraphrasing text generated by an AI tool, include the prompt that you used 'and' the response.

When asked to identify three themes in *I Am Malala* , ChatGPT provided courage, education, and women's rights ("What are three").

B.   Inserting Graphics

Any type of graphic, other than a table, should be identified as a Figure in a report. Figures include charts, diagrams, drawings, graphs, images, and photographs. Graphics should be placed as close as possible to the parts of the text to which they relate. See sample below. Below the graphic, include a figure number, title or caption, and source information. If you provide a complete source citation, you do not need to list it on your Works Cited page.

In-text reference

Canada's visible minority population is expected to grow steadily over the next twenty years (see figure 1).

CANADA'S VISIBLE MINORITY POPULATION
A look at the proportion of visible minority population in Canada since 1981:
PERCENTAGE

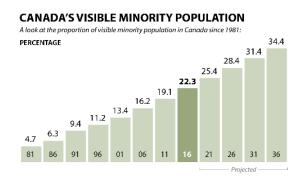| 81	86	91	96	01	06	11	16	21	26	31	36
4.7	6.3	9.4	11.2	13.4	16.2	19.1	22.3	25.4	28.4	31.4	34.4

Projected

Figure 1. Canada's visible minority population since 1981.
The Canadian Press. "Key highlights from latest release of 2016 census data." *CBC News Canada,*
25 Oct. 2017, www.cbc.ca/news/politics/hey-highlights-2016-census.data.html.

C.   Works Cited

A list of sources that appears at the end of an essay or slideshow. It provides the information necessary for a reader to locate and retrieve any source cited in the body of the essay or slideshow. Works Cited entries should be listed alphabetically (by author's last name, organization name, or title), double spaced, and the second and subsequent lines of each citation should be indented. An online citation tool (e.g. BibGuru) may be used to generate entries.

Works Cited

Website (with author)

Author   *Title of webpage or article (in quotes)*   *Title of website (in italics)*   *Date of Publication*   *Publisher*
↓   ↓   ↓   ↓   ↓

Troper, Harold. "Immigration to Canada". *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, 12 January 2021, Historica Canada.

     https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/immigration. Accessed 5 October 2023.

            ↑
         Website URL address

Website (author unknown)

     Title of webpage or article   *Title of website (in italics)*   *Publishing organization*
         ↓   ↓   ↓

"MLA Formatting and Style Guide." *Purdue Online Writing Lab*, Purdue University, 2023,

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     owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla.html.   *Date*

Artificial Intelligence

AI generated text or responses are often cited as 'personal communication' because they are not retrievable by others. Credit is given to the publisher of the algorithm. Use an annotation to describe how and why you used AI.

                        Name of AI tool
     Question or Prompt   *and version*   *Publisher*   *Date*   *Website URL address*
         ↓   ↓   ↓   ↓   ↓

"What are three themes in *I Am Malala*?" *ChatGPT-4*, OpenAI, 5 October 2023, chat.openai.com/chat.

YouTube video

    Author (organization)   *Title of video (in quotes)*   *Title of website (in italics)*
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Statistics Canada. "Welcome to Canada: 150 Years of Immigration." *YouTube*, 25 Oct. 2017,

                                        ↑
     www.youtube.com/watch?v=cX02bJ1pyw4.   *Publication date*

       ↑
   Website URL address

Book

    Author   *Title of book (in italics)*
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Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit*. London, HarperCollins Publishers, 1991.

               ↑   ↑   ↑
     City of publication   *Publisher*   *Publication date*

Note: the city of publication should only be used if the book was published <1900, if the publisher has offices in more than one country, or if the publisher is unknown in North America.