MLA STYLE GUIDE

Using the Modern Language Association (MLA) style, you need to cite your sources in two places: inside the body of your writing (called an **in-text citation**) and at the end, in a **Works Cited** list. For more examples, visit Purdue University's Online Writing Lab at owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

IN-TEXT CITATION

Books. Include the last name of the author and the page number where you got the information. You can mention the author's name right in the text, or include it at the end of the sentence in parentheses, along with the page number (no comma in between). When you add this information, move the end punctuation out of the sentence and put it after the parentheses.

> According to Buglover, "you could very well be that plant's next dinner" (8).

> Venus flytraps need extra nitrogen, so they get it from insects (Buglover 8).

Online articles. No page number is needed, but give credit to the author. If no author is available, give the title of the article.

> Writer Jason Mori points out that sumo wrestling has no weight limit, so wrestlers try to gain as much weight as possible.

> Without enough calcium, people are at risk for osteoporosis ("Why We Need Calcium").

WORKS CITED LIST

This comes at the end of your piece, in alphabetical order based on the first word in the entry. If any of the required information doesn't exist, skip it and go to the next item on the list. If the entry takes up more than one line, indent the second line.

Books. List the information in this order: Author Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book,* Publisher, Publication Date*, page range (if your source was from a short range of pages and not the whole book in general).

> Buglover, Samantha. *The Great Outdoors.* Best Press, 2013, p. 8.

> Green, John. *The Fault in Our Stars.* Dutton Books, 2012.

Online articles. List the information in this order: Author Last Name, First Name. "Title." *Title of Website,* Publication Date*, URL (without the *http:*). Date you accessed the material.

> Mori, Jason. "The Daily Life of a Sumo Wrestler." *The Interesting Times,* 4 Oct. 2015, www.interesting.com/sumo. Accessed 10 July 2016.

> "Why We Need Calcium." *Your Health Online,* 18 Dec. 2003, www.yourhealthonline.com/calcium. Accessed 5 May 2010.

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