

HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL

MLA Citation Style

Documentation will take two forms in your final paper:

- In the **Works Cited (bibliography)** section, where all the sources you have used should be listed alphabetically.
- Within the text of your paper, where parentheses should show your readers where you found each piece of information that you have used. These in-text citations allow the reader to refer to your **Works Cited** page(s) for further information.

MLA: In-Text References.

With one author

- According to a study by Levine (23)
- A recent study indicates that... (Levine 23)

With two author

- According to a study by Brehm and Steffen (109) ...
- A recent study indicates that... (Brehm and Steffen 109)...

Author's Name in text

- Robertson maintains that "in the appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the observer is of primary importance ..." (138).

Author's Name in Reference

- It may be true that "in the appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the observer is of primary importance..." (Robertson 138)

With no author

Use the complete title, or a short form of the title if it is long. Titles of books are *italicized*; titles of articles are put in quotation marks.

- According to the *Dictionary of Symbols* (1991) ...
- Recent studies indicate ... ("Arts funding crisis" 2002).
- **Note:** If a print source has no author and is sponsored by a corporate entity, such as an organization or a government agency, name the corporate entity as the author

Website

- Indicate the author's last name, or the short title if no author is stated, without any page reference.
 - Example:
From our small world we have gazed upon the cosmic ocean for thousands of years. Ancient astronomers observed points of light that appeared to move among the stars. They called these objects "**planets**," meaning wanderers, and named them after Roman deities. ("Solar System")

MLA: Works Cited Page

Book

- Levine, Michael P. *Student Eating Disorders: Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia*. Washington, D.C.: National Education Association, 1987.

Article in a journal

- Brehm, Bonnie J., and John J. Steffen. "Relations between Obligatory Exercise and Eating Disorders." *American Journal of Health Behavior*, vol. 22, Dec. 20 2016, pp. 24-28.

Website

Author (if available) "Title". *Name of web site*. Publisher or organization, Date of publication/update. URL. Accessed date.

- "Solar System." *Science and Space*. National Geographic. 2011.
<https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/101>. Accessed 19 Jan 2011.

Working with Quotations

- Quotations that constitute fewer than four lines in your paper should be set off with quotation marks [" "] and be incorporated within the normal flow of your text.
- For material exceeding four lines, omit the quotation marks and indent the quoted language one inch from your left-hand margin. If an indented quotation is taken entirely from one paragraph, the first line should be even with all the other lines in that quotation; however, if an indented quotation comes from two or more paragraphs, indent the first line of each paragraph an additional one-quarter inch (MLA 94)
- If quotation marks appear within the text of a quotation that already has the usual double quote-marks [" "] around it (a quote-within-a-quote), set off that inner quotation with single-quote marks [' ']. Such a quote-within-a-quote within an indented quotation is marked with double-quote marks.
 - **Example-** "Did Patton say 'there is nothing noble about dying for your country'?"