

# MLA Citation Methods Quiz (answer key)

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What does the acronym MLA stand for? **Answer: Modern Language Association**

What is MLA? **Answer: A method of citing references in research papers**

When documenting one author in reference in a text, which is correct?

- This point has been argued before (Frye 197).
- This point has been argued before. (Glenn Frye, 197)
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**Answer: A**

When documenting one author by name in a text, which is correct?

- Frye has argued this point before (Frye 197).
- Frye has argued this point before. (197).
- Frye has argued this point before. (Frye, 197).
- Frye has argued this point before (197).

**Answer: D**

T/F You should not use the authors' last names in the citation if the authors' names appear in the text.

**Answer: True**

T/F You only use "et al" when you are citing a text with more than three authors.

**Answer: True**

T/F When you use quotations in the text, you place the citation before the last quotation mark.

**Answer: False**

T/F You only use block quotes when quoting more than 4 lines (not sentences) of text.

**Answer: True**

Which of the following is true about block quotes:

- The entire block quote is indented
- Only used when author is mentioned in the text
- Page number at end is outside the period
- Quotation marks are not used
- All of the above

**Answer: E**

Which is the correct way to cite a website?

- The Modern Language Association was founded in 1883 (mla.org).
- According to the Modern Language Association's (MLA) website, the MLA was founded in 1883 (mla.org).
- Both

**Answer: C**

Which is true of a Works Cited page? Circle all that apply.

- a. Starts new page numbered sequentially
- b. Page is not numbered
- c. Placed after the body of the paper
- d. "Work(s) Cited" is centered, without quotation marks, italics, or underlining
- e. Include all quoted, paraphrased, or summarized sources
- f. Do not need to include sources where titles are used in text
- g. Start each entry on new line, regular left margin
- h. Font type should be different than the body of the paper
- i. Indent the *second* and all subsequent lines five spaces ("hanging indent")
- j. Margins should be changed to 1.5 all around
- k. Double-space all lines
- l. Do not include web sites because they do not count as sources
- m. Alphabetize by the author's last name, book title, or website name

**Answer: A,C,D,E,G,I,K,M**

T/F Author's names are listed alphabetically in reverse order on the Works Cited page.

**Answer: True**

T/F For multiple authors of the same text in your Works Cited page, list all authors in reverse order, separated by commas, and a period at the end.

**Answer: False**

T/F You should capitalize every word in a title.

**Answer: False**

T/F You should underline the title of a text, but not the period at the end in the Works Cited page.

**Answer: False**

T/F Quotation marks should be placed around titles of shorter works (articles, poems, short stories, essays).

**Answer: True**

T/F MLA prefers Times New Roman font

**Answer: True**

T/F Alphabetize your Works Cited page including "A", "An", or "The" as the first word of a title.

**Answer: False**

T/F Give only the first city listed for the place of publication and do not list state names, regardless how obscure the city.

**Answer: True**

On the sample Works Cited page shown below, indicate which type of source (i.e. book, article, publication, web site, etc.) each entry represents.

#### Works Cited

*American Association for Artificial Intelligence*. 17 Mar. 2001 .<<http://www.aaai.org>>.

**Answer: Website**

Bernstein, Barton J. "Atomic Diplomacy: Hiroshima and Nagasaki." *Diplomatic History* 28.3 (1991): 126-29.

**Answer: Article in a scholarly journal**

*The Chicago Manual of Style*. 15<sup>th</sup> ed. Chicago: U of Chicago P, 2003.

**Answer: Book**

Colbert, Stephen. Home page. 1 Nov. 2006. <<http://colbertnation.com>>.

**Answer: Website**

Crane, Niles F. "Anarchy at Sea." *Atlantic Monthly* Sept. 2003: 50-80.

**Answer: Article**

*Creation of the Media: Political Origins of the Media*. Los Angeles: Houghton-Mifflin, 1922.

**Answer: Book**

Foreman, Red, Elizabeth Bennett, and Tom Collins. "In Forecasting Their Emotions, Most People Flunk Out."

*New York Times* 16 Feb. 1999. 21 Nov. 2000. <<http://www.nytimes.com>>.

**Answer: Newspaper article found on an online news site**

Jackson, Gabriel. "Multiple Historic Meanings of the Spanish Civil War." *Science and Society* 68.3 (2004):

272-76. *Academic Search Premier Elite*. EBSCO. Brookens Library, U of Illinois at Springfield. 27

Sept. 2002. <<http://www.epnet.com>>.

**Answer: Journal article within an online database**

Kramer, Cosmo F. "A Health Threat Baffling for Its Lack of a Pattern." *New York Times* 22 June 2003, natl.

ed.: A14.

**Answer: Newspaper**

Peterman, Jay S. "Eat This Now!" *US News and World Report* 28 Mar. 2005: 56-58.

**Answer: Article in a magazine**

Tyson, Phyllis A., and Michael G. Gordon. "The Psychology of Women." *Journal of the American*

*Psychoanalytic Association* 46 (1998): 361-64.

**Answer: Article in a scholarly journal**

Van Delay, Art. *Seinfeld: The Show About Nothing*. New York: Penguin Books, 1997.

**Answer: Book**

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**Answer: Book**

