

MLA Citation – Referencing Sources in English & Social Studies

To reference sources **in English** (Criterion B – Organizing) & **Social Studies** (Criterion C – Communicating), you do 2 things:

- Thing #1. write a **Works Cited** list - a bibliography in MLA style
Thing #2. write **citations in-text** (instructions on separate handout)

#1. Instructions for how to write a Works Cited list

- A **Works Cited** is a list of all the sources you used to complete your assignment.
- The list is made up of **citations**. It's on a separate page from the rest of your work.
- Write your **citations** first, using a free online **citation** generator like <https://www.citethisforme.com>
- Then format your list according to MLA rules.

Here's an example of a **Works Cited**.

The diagram shows a sample Works Cited list with four red arrows pointing to specific formatting features:

- 1. title**: Points to the centered title "Works Cited".
- 2. alphabetical order**: Points to the first entry, "Collins, Suzanne", which is the first letter of the author's name.
- 3. double space**: Points to the space between the first and second entries.
- 4. hanging indent**: Points to the indentation of the second line of the first entry.

The list contains the following entries:

Collins, Suzanne. *The Hunger Games/ the Hunger Games, Bk. 1*. New York: Scholastic, 2008. Print.

Encyclopedia Britannica. 'Three-Field System | Agriculture'. N.p., 2014. Web. 19 Dec. 2014.

Hinds, Gareth. *Beowulf*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2007. Print.

Lienhard, John H. 'No. 26: Three-Field Crop Rotation'. *Uh.edu*. N.p., 2014. Web. 19 Dec. 2014.

YouTube. 'Medieval Manor - Timelines.Tv History of Britain A01'. N.p., 2014. Web. 19 Dec. 2014.

To format your list, complete these steps...

1. Open a WORD doc. Write the title **Works Cited**.
2. Arrange your citations in **alphabetical order** A-Z by the first word.
3. **Double space** your list. (to do this, highlight all the text > right click > paragraph > spacing > double)
4. Use **hanging indent** to format the entire list. (to do this, highlight all the text > right click > paragraph > indentation > special > hanging)

Be sure to see handout
#2 Instructions for how to write in-text citations.

All sources on your list must also be cited in-text.