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MLA Citation Style Guide (Modern Language Association, 9th Edition)

Overview

MLA is predominantly used in the humanities, especially in English, literature, and language studies. It emphasizes concise and consistent documentation, making it ideal for textual analysis and citing creative works.

In-Text Citations

- **Format**: (Author Page)
  Example: Literary critics explore identity (Smith 45).

Works Cited Page

- **Format**: Author Last Name, First Name. *Title*. Publisher, Year.
  - **Book**: Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*. Alfred A. Knopf, 1987.
  - **Journal Article**: Smith, Jane. "Analyzing Poetics of Resistance." *Literary Studies Quarterly*, vol. 15, no. 3, 2020, pp. 45–67.
  - **Website**: Brown, Emily. "Role of Myth in Literature." *Literature Today*, 15 July 2021, www.literaturetoday.org/myth-modern-literature.

Formatting

- **General**: Double-spacing, 1-inch margins, Times New Roman, 12pt font.
- **Header**: Top left corner: Your Name, Instructor's Name, Course, Date.
- **Title**: Centered, standard capitalization, no bold or underline.
- **Page Numbers**: Top right corner, preceded by your last name (e.g., Smith 1).

Quotations

- **Short Quotes**: Incorporate into text with quotation marks.
- **Block Quotes**: For quotes longer than four lines, start on a new line, indent half an inch from the left margin, double-space, and omit quotation marks.

Disciplines Using MLA at UT Tyler

- **Graduate College of Arts and Sciences**: English M.A., Masters of Communication

Resources

- Purdue OWL MLA Guide: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/
- MLA Style Center: https://style.mla.org