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# ***GUIDE TO MLA 8***

## FORMATTING FOR CITATIONS AND WORKS CITED

### **NOTE:**

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### **PARENTHETICAL (IN-TEXT) CITATIONS:**

**AUTHOR PAGE**                      The standard format for in-text citations includes the author's last name and the page number, without a comma (Name #).

**SAME AUTHOR**                      For multiple works by the same author, you can distinguish in the in-text citation by including a portion of the work's title.  
Article: (Name, "Title" #)      Book: (Name, Title #)

**COMMAS**                              There should not be any commas in a standard author-page in-text citation. If you need to use a portion of the title to specify the work, there should be a comma between the author's last name and the title.


**YEARS**                                  Years of publication are not used for in-text citations in MLA.

### **WORKS CITED LIST:**

**WORKS CITED**                      The list of references should be called "works cited" (or equivalent in the language in which the text is written). A works cited is not a bibliography and should only include items that are referenced in the article text or footnotes.

**HANGING INDENT**                      Use MS Word's "hanging indent" feature set to 0.5" in the format paragraph menu on the indents and spacing tab.

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<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>	“Ed.” or “trans.” should not be used, but rather should be written out as “editors,” “edited by,” or “translated by” (or equivalent in another language), depending on placement in the citation. University Press should be abbreviated “UP”, even if there are intervening words (e.g. U of North Carolina P).
<b>PUNCTUATION</b>	Carefully review proper placement of periods vs. commas.
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