This presentation will cover:

- 2009 updates to MLA (7th edition)
- General MLA guidelines
- In-text citations
- Formatting quotations
- Works Cited page
MLA (Modern Language Association) style formatting is often used in various humanities disciplines.
What does MLA regulate?

MLA regulates:

- Document Format
- In-text citations
- Works Cited
  (a list of all sources used in the paper)
Changes in MLA:
- No more underlining (only use italics)
- Inclusion of publication medium (e.g. Print, Web, etc.)
- New abbreviations (e.g., “N.p.“ for “no publisher given“)
Your Instructor Knows Best

#1 Rule for any formatting style:

Always

Follow your instructor’s guidelines
Format: General Guidelines

- Type on white 8.5" x 11" paper
- Double-space everything
- Use 12 pt. Times New Roman font (or similar font)
- Leave only one space after punctuation
- Set all margins to 1 inch on all sides
- Indent the first line of paragraphs one half-inch
In-Text Citations: the Basics

- For a speech include the publisher and year
- Slightly different from English
- Source BEFORE facts
- Informative – Four to Six sources (at least 4 must be from the Mt. SAC Library Databases)
In-text Example:

II. Main Point 1: Background

A. First, let me tell you some historical information on…

B. According to Publisher on Date, “there were only…”
   1. This is interesting since many people…
   2. For most of human history we thought…

C. As the LA Times on July 5, 2013 noted, “the first time..”

D. Therefore, with a good background on the topic…

E. Now let’s look at modern day…
Direct Quotation:  

B. Jan Harold Brunvand, in an essay on urban legends, states in 1995 that “some individuals who retell urban legends make a point of learning every rumor or tale.”

Paraphrase:  

B. Jan Harold Brunvand, noted in 1995 that people who share urban legends make an effort of learning lots of rumors in order to embellish their tale.
Works Cited


Works Cited Page: Books

Basic Format:

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

Examples:

Article in a Magazine Format

Author(s). “Title of Article.” Title of Periodical Day Month Year: pages. Medium of publication.

Example:

Article in Scholarly Journal Format


Example:
Web Source Format:

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). “Article Name.”

*Name of Site*. Version number. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher).

Date of last update. Medium of publication. Date of access.

Textbook

- Pages 152-154 has a style guideline produced by the Library.


Review Chapter 7
Especially pages 145-155