MLA Citation: Quick Guide


Core elements in works cited list

1. Author
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Works cited list: Examples of citations

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**Book with two authors:**


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Xin Mu. *An Empty Room*. Translated by Toming Jun Liu, New Directions Book, 2011.

Journal article from a database (with URL):


Journal article from a database (with DOI):


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Examples:

Tannen has argued this point (178-85).

Or

This point has already been argued (Tannen 178-85).

Medieval Europe was a place both of “raids, pillages, slavery, and extortion” and of “traveling merchants, monetary exchange, towns if not cities, and active markets in grain” (Townsend 10).

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