MLA Formatting Reference Sheet

The Multicultural Literature culminating Research Paper requires you to demonstrate appropriate, college level writing, including understanding, knowledge, and skill of adhering to the writing guidelines set forth by the Modern Language Association. Throughout college, you will be required to cite research sources in your documents; therefore, it is important that you begin to learn these skills early.

The most important skill to learn is knowing how to find answers to your questions regarding research. Keep in mind that everything you need to fulfill your MLA requirements are available to you through hundreds of various online resources created by schools, universities, and independent organizations. Google can be your best friend in the research process. Use these resources to your advantage as they are intended for individuals just like you.

The following are independent online research resources for you to use now and in the years to come. They are credible in demonstrating and explaining the guidelines for the specific needs of your papers. Peruse the various links in each website and learn to navigate these web pages to find what you are looking for. As you will see, these MLA formatting websites are intended for you to refer to them independently based on the unique characteristics of your papers.

Please keep in mind that "in-text citations" and appropriate "works cited" formatting will be graded heavily. Use the online websites to determine the type(s) of citations you will need to use for your sources. Keep in mind that although most of your research must come from written sources, you may include SECONDARY sources from websites, videos, blogs, documentaries, emails, songs, and personal interviews. If you choose to include any of these, make sure they are not your PRIMARY sources and make sure you cite them appropriately according to MLA format.

As you begin to your research, keep track of your sources by creating a WORD document with the URL's of the various sites you are investigating. It will help you when it is time to write your Works Cited page.

Purdue Online Writing Lab

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/
This website offers links for in depth descriptions and examples of various citation guidelines.

MLA Style
MLA Formatting and Style Guide
MLA Formatting and Style Guide
MLA In-Text Citations: The Basics
MLA Formatting Quotations
MLA Works Cited Page: Basic Format
MLA Works Cited Page: Books
MLA Works Cited: Periodicals
MLA Works Cited: Electronic Sources
MLA Works Cited: Other Common Sources
MLA Additional Resources

MLA Sample Works Cited Page
MLA Sample Paper

Research and Documentation Online

http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_s1-0011.html#RES5e_ch08_p0454
- See the dropdown menu with a list of various guidelines and examples.

Free Automatic Bibliography and Citation Maker

http://www.easybib.com/
Fill out the information fields and it will automatically cite the source for you in appropriate
MLA format for your Works Cited page. You still need to do the "in-text" citations on your own.

Other Locations to Conduct Research

Julian Dixon Library
4975 Overland Avenue
Culver City, CA 90230
(310) 559-1676
Open Tue 12:30am-8pm; Wed-Thu 10am-8pm; Fri-Sat 8am-6pm

Local Colleges and Universities
Different schools have different policies regarding public use of their resources. Please consider
calling prior to visiting any of these.

West Los Angeles College Library
(310) 287-4430

Santa Monica College
(310) 434-4000

UCLA Powell Library
(310) 825-1938

LMU Hannon Library
(310) 338-2788