**Citation Styles - MLA vs APA**

**If you study in humanities: Use MLA**

This style is used in **humanities** fields, such as literature, languages, history, philosophy, etc. In MLA style, the bibliography is called the **Works Cited**. These two words appear at the top centre of the last page of your essay, followed by an alphabetical list of the sources you cited in your essay.

An example of a Works Cited page (scroll down a little bit): <https://writingcommons.org/article/formatting-the-works-cited-page-mla/>

*Example of an MLA citation for a magazine article:*

Burton, Susan. “Satisfied: Learning to Confront Anorexia and Binge-Eating Disorder.” *Psychology Today*, 14 June 2020, [www.psychologytoday.com/intl/articles/202006/satisfied-learning-confront-anorexia-and-binge-eating-disorder](http://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/articles/202006/satisfied-learning-confront-anorexia-and-binge-eating-disorder).

Here is what a reference looks like in the body paragraphs, if you follow the MLA format:

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

**If you study in social science: Use APA**

This style is used in the **social science** (psychology, sociology, economics, politics, etc.) and **education** fields. In APA style, the bibliography is called **References**. This word appears at the top centre of the last page of your essay, followed by an alphabetical list of the sources you cited in your essay.

An example of a References page (scroll down to the bottom): <https://sites.google.com/site/ancillacollegeapastyleguide/home/references>

*Example of an APA citation for the same magazine article as above:*

Burton, S. (2020, June 14). Satisfied: Learning to Confront Anorexia and Binge-Eating Disorder. *Psychology Today*. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/articles/202006/satisfied-learning-confront-anorexia-and-binge-eating-disorder>.

Here is what a reference looks like in the body paragraphs, if you follow the APA format:

According to Jones (1998), "students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).

**If you study in a different field: Choose MLA or APA**

**Useful Websites**

* **Citation Machine:**   
    
  MLA version : <https://www.citationmachine.net/mla8>  
  APA version : <https://www.citationmachine.net/apa7>

*The ultimate student labour-saving tool that generates a citation in MLA or APA. Just enter the relevant data (author, title, etc.) It’s free, but it will ask you to turn off your ad-blocker.*

* **A Comparison of MLA and APA citation styles:**

<https://sun.iwu.edu/~jhaefner/WC200XSP17/mla&apa.html>

*How to acknowledge the source of the information within the body of your essay. It won’t win any website design awards, but it gets the job done.*

**Citation Exercise**

Using *Citation Machine*, create a bibliography for your final essay. Choose either MLA format (“Works Cited”) or APA (“Bibliography”). Save it in “Devoirs,” with your essay plan.