

MLA VS. APA

MLA	Similarities	APA
Typically used in the Humanities (e.g., English, Theatre, Art). MLA papers have NO cover pages.	The paper is double-spaced and uses Times New Roman font and 1" margins.	Typically used in the social sciences (e.g., Psychology, Sociology, Social Work). APA papers have cover pages.
Works Cited page to cite sources at the end of the paper	All information used in the paper MUST be listed on the Works Cited or References page.	References page to cite sources at the end of the paper
Works Cited is cited last name, first name (Bird, Big).	Any information that is not your own needs to be cited.	References is last name, first initial (Bird, B.).
When information is cited and the author's name is listed (in the signal phrase!), place ONLY the page number (if you have one) at the end {According to Big Bird, writing centers are awesome" (22).}	Both use parenthetical citations within the body of the paper. APA → (Bird, 2010, p. 22) MLA → (Bird 22).	When information is cited and the author's name is listed (in the signal phrase!), place the year of the source after the author and the page number (if you have one) at the end preceded by a p. {Big Bird (2010) believes that writing centers are awesome (p. 22).}
When information is cited and the author's name is NOT listed, place the author's last name and the page number at the end. {Some puppets believe that writing centers are awesome (Bird 22).}	Citations are listed alphabetically on the References or Works Cited page (no bullets; no numbers)	When information is cited and the author's name is NOT listed, place the author's last name, year, and page number. {Some puppets believe that writing centers are awesome (Bird, 2010, p. 22).}
When you DON'T have an author, use the title of the source instead in the in-text citation (and on the Works Cited page). {Some puppets believe that writing centers are awesome ("Puppets in Writing Centers" 22).}	Whatever you list in your in-text citation (author or title [in the instance where you don't have an author], the first thing you list on your Works Cited or References page should match the in-text citation.	When you DON'T have an author, use the title of the source instead in the in-text citation (and on the References page). {Some puppets believe that writing centers are awesome ("Puppets in Writing Centers" 22).} NOTE: Whereas the title receives quotation marks in the in-text citation, they aren't used on the References page. Also, you can shorten titles to the first 3 or words in in-text citations.
Quotations 4 lines or longer (in your paper) are BLOCKED, meaning they should begin on a new line, and the entire thing should be indented a full 1". Quotations marks are not used.	Quotations are integrated smoothly with signal phrases and transitions,	Quotations 40 words or more are BLOCKED, meaning they should begin on a new line, and the entire thing should be indented .5". Quotation marks are not used.