Rules for Writing a MLA Work Cited Page:

Guidelines for writing a Work Cited page:

- The work cited page is at the end of the paper. Start the list on a new page with page numbers that carry on from the end of your research paper. The page numbers are located in the upper right-hand corner half an inch from the top.
- The work cited page is double spaced.
- Center the title Work Cited an inch from the top of the page.
- The entries start on the left side of the page. If the entries are larger than one line, use a hanging indent.
- All citations are arranged alphabetically by the author’s last name. When alphabetizing the authors’ names use letters and ignore punctuation.
- If two or more entries with more than one author begin with the same author, then alphabetize by the last name of the second author.
- If two or more entries have the same author give the name in the first entry, all of the following entries will have three hyphens followed by a period. These books will be arranged by title.
  
  Example: Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.
  ---. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.
- If there is no author, then the entry is placed in alphabetical order by title.
- The publisher’s name is abbreviated. For more information, refer to section 7.5 in the MLA Handbook, pp. 247-249.
- All major words in the title are capitalized. The title is italics.

Author Rule:

- If there is no author, then use the title.
- If the book is written by a group with no individuals identified, then use the name of the group.
- If there is one author, then list the Last name, First name. Example: Bill Cosby= Cosby, Bill
- If there are two - three authors, list the Last name, First name, and First name, Last name. Example: Grigull, Susanne and Timothy Little
- If there are more than three authors, then you can choose to list all of the authors in the order they are listed on the title page, OR you can write the first author followed by an et al.
  Example: Smithfield, Jane, Bill Kidd, Elizabeth Summer, and Susan Cooper OR Smithfield, Jane, et al.