

TEMPLATE WORKS CITED LIST

Below is an example of a works cited list entry. It is quite similar to the entries you will be making for your own Works Cited lists, so use it as a model. Follow the formatting you see here: double spaced, all lines after the first tabbed in, and basic information listed in this order: author (last name first), story/essay/poem title (if any), book title (underlined), editors or translators (if any), edition (if any), place the source was published, short name of publisher, most recent date of publishing, page span (only for stories, essays, poems in a collection).

This is only one possible example entry; there are *many* different types of sources you could list on a Works Cited list, and each is notated slightly differently. Use the **MLA Primer** sheet and other online samples I've provided for additional examples.

You can also use this http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/RES5e_ch08_s1-0011.html site to help you create your list entries – it provides annotated and diagrammed examples of virtually every type of source you can imagine, and shows you exactly how and in what order to list the information for each source correctly on a Works Cited list.

You can also use <http://easybib.com/>, a website designed to automatically build your (MLA style) Works Cited list entries for you after you enter in the proper source information (note that this website only creates an entry for you based on the information you give it – if you fail to supply important name, title, publishing, etc. information, the web engine that creates your automatic Works Cited list entry for you will not include that information in the entry and your entry will then be incomplete).

Works Cited

Kincaid, Jamaica. "Girl." Rereading America: Cultural Contexts for Critical Thinking and Writing. Ed. Gary Colombo, Robert Cullen, Bonnie Lisle. 7th ed. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004. 421-423.

Comment: Use this title. Don't use bold or underlined text.

Comment: Skip a space between the title and the first entry on your list.

Then make sure to double-space your entire list.

Also, indent one tab or five spaces every subsequent line of a given entry.

Comment: Author's name, last name first, separated by a comma and finished with a period (as is every separate piece or category of information in a Works Cited list).

Comment: Notice that you place the name of the specific reading selection in quotation marks *before* the title of the anthology.

Notice also that the name of the anthology is underlined.

Comment: Notice that the editors of the anthology are identified as editors, and their full names are listed here, separated by commas.

Comment: This is the edition of the anthology (it has gone through several printings).

Comment: The order in which you put this information is quite important: first the place the *anthology* (not your specific reading selection) was published, then a shortened version of the publisher's name, then the most recent printing date. Make sure your punctuation exactly matches what you see here.

Comment: This is the page spread for "Girl," the selection you are citing in this Works Cited entry.