

MLA vs. APA

MLA	Similarities	APA
Typically used in the Humanities (i.e., English, Theatre, Art)	The paper is double spaced, as well as the reference or works cited page. The citation has a hanging indent.	Typically used in the social sciences (i.e., Psychology, Sociology, Social Work)
"Works Cited" page to cite sources at the end of the work	All information used in the paper <i>must</i> be in the reference page or works cited.	"References" page to cite sources at the end of the work.
Works cited is cited last name, first name (Bird, Big)	Any information that is not your own needs to be cited	Works cited is last name, first initial (Bird, B.)
When information is cited and the author's name is listed within the sentence, place the page number found at the end. According to Big Bird, he says "Writing centers are awesome" (22).	Both use parenthetical citations within the body of the paper. (Bird, 2010) or (Bird 22)	When information is cited and author's name is listed within the sentence, place the year the material was published. Big Bird (2010) believes that writing centers are awesome.
When information is cited and the author's name is <i>not</i> listed, place the author's last name and the page number at the end. Writing centers are awesome (Bird 22).	Citations are listed alphabetically on the references or works cited page.	When information is cited and the author's name is <i>not</i> listed, place the author's last name and the year the material was published. Writing centers are awesome (Bird, 2010).
Quotes 4 lines or longer are blocked , meaning indented 2 tabs over	Quotes are integrated smoothly and with transitions. (For a handout on transitions, visit the campus TLC!)	Quotes 40 words or more are indented one tab (or 5 spaces)