

MLA Citation Format

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Sample resource excerpt:

In a survey of 200 community college students, when participants were asked to rank their favorite dessert out of a list of ten options, ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert out of all choices presented.

– "Popularity of Desserts," by Julia Greider, published April 1, 2019, page 50

Possible in-text citations you could create based on the above resource:

- Paraphrasing:
 - Greider proved in her study that students favored ice cream sundaes over any other dessert (50).
 - Participants in one prominent study favored ice cream sundaes over any other dessert (Greider 50).
 - Quoting:
 - One prominent study proved that in a survey, "ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert" (Greider 50).
 - Greider proved in her study that "ice cream sundaes were by far the top ranked dessert" (50).
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Format of references (for works cited page at the end):

- Academic journal article:
 - **Format: Author Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume, Issue, year of publication, pages. doi**
 - Example: Greider, Julia. "Popularity of Desserts." *Food Studies Journal*, vol. 25, no. 4, 2019, pp. 40-55. doi:10.1108/03090560710821161
- Book:
 - **Format: Author Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Publisher's Name, year of publication.**
 - Example: Greider, Julia. *This is a Book About Dessert*. RCC Press, 2019.
- Website:
 - **Format: Author Last name, First name. "Title of Page." *Website Name*, date of publication, url. Accessed date.**
 - Example: Greider, Julia. "Phish food." *Ben and Jerry's*, 20 Sept. 2019, <https://www.benjerry.com/flavors/phish-food-ice-cream>. Accessed 1 Dec. 2020.

When there are multiple authors:

- 2 authors: list both names, connected by "and".
 - In-text: (Greider and Smith, 50)
 - Works cited page: Greider, Julia, and Sophia Smith.
- 3 or more authors: list first author plus "et al."
 - In-text: (Greider et al., 50)
 - Works cited page: Greider, Julia, et al.