This is a quick guide to help you with referencing in the MLA style. For further information, please refer to the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (6th ed.). Check the Library Catalogue for the call number and location(s).

The Modern Language Association reference style is an author-page reference style. When quoting directly or indirectly from a source, the source must be acknowledged in the text by the author's name and the page number. If the author's name is used in a signal phrase to a direct or indirect quote, only the page number or the paragraph number is required.

**Author(s) are named in a signal phrase**
Samovar and Porter point out that "language involves attaching meaning to world symbols" (188).

**Author(s) are named in parentheses**
The origin of language is historically considered as symbols (Samovar & Porter 188).

**Citations from a secondary source**
Samovar and Porter (qtd. Peterson par. 3) discuss that language must be first understood as symbols.

In the Works Cited page, at the end of your assignment, you are required to provide the full bibliographic information for each source. References must be listed in alphabetical order. Each reference should include four elements:

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“Drivers reject fuel prices driven by war threat.” The Timaru Herald 7 Mar.2003:1. (Drivers Reject Fuel Prices 1)

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