MLA Citation Style for Websites

In-Text Citation

When citing from a website, MLA advises mentioning the author and title of the work / the name of the page or website in the sentence rather than using a parenthetical citation for Internet works. If citing parenthetically, cite the source by the author, if possible, or by the title of the page using the information that begins the entry on your Works Cited page; never use the URL (the web address) as the information in the parenthetical cite. Some examples are:

Bishop Brunett et al. remind us that when we take care of nature, we participate with God in co-creating the universe.

OR

When we take care of nature, we participate with God in co-creating the universe (Brunett et al.).

*Dei Verbum* explains the importance of understanding Scripture through the author’s original intent: “However, since God speaks in Sacred Scripture through men in human fashion, the interpreter of Sacred Scripture, in order to see clearly what God wanted to communicate to us, should carefully investigate what meaning the sacred writers really intended, and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words” (#12).

OR

Scripture must be understood through the author’s original intent: “However, since God speaks in Sacred Scripture through men in human fashion, the interpreter of Sacred Scripture, in order to see clearly what God wanted to communicate to us, should carefully investigate what meaning the sacred writers really intended, and what God wanted to manifest by means of their words” (*Dei Verbum* #12).

(Please note that the # symbol in the parenthetical cite for *Dei Verbum* relates to the paragraph number in the document where the quote is found.)

The website *Earth Ministry* explains that stewardship is a “great moral challenge” that must be addressed “through education, individual and congregational lifestyle choices, and organizing for social change through environmental advocacy.”

OR

Stewardship is a “great moral challenge” that must be addressed “through education, individual and congregational lifestyle choices, and organizing for social change through environmental advocacy” (*Earth Ministry*).
Works Cited Entry for Websites

CORE ELEMENTS: To create entries of articles for the list of Works Cited, writers now follow a universal set of MLA formatting guidelines that can be applied to any source, in any field, using nine core elements common to most sources. An entry should include as many of these elements as are available for the source, in the order listed below and punctuated as shown. (Not every source will contain every element. The final element is followed by a period. )

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

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