The ‘Works Cited’ page – Formatting Works from *Making Literature Matter* in MLA format

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With reference to the “Works Cited” page at the end of the research paper, the MLA guidelines for formatting a specific work (as a primary source) and multiple works (as multiple primary and/or secondary sources) from your textbook appear in the *MLA Handbook* (157-8, 5.5.6, “A Work in an Anthology” – see also MLM 201). Please note the following two research scenarios and relevant MLA documentation for your primary and secondary sources:

Research Scenario 1: citing only the primary source (textbook) with no additional secondary sources from the textbook

*MLA 5.5.6: A Work in an Anthology*

The documentation below appears in the Works Cited page if the research paper has only one primary source from the textbook. Other books, articles, interviews, Web-based materials, and other print and non-print media about the author or thesis subject of your paper, that is, secondary sources, are from outside the textbook and do not appear as critical readings following the work under the heading of either the *Critical Commentaries* or *Cultural Contexts.*

Please follow this order (3 consecutive sets of information):

1. Author (Last name, first name), title (in quotation marks - period precedes end quotation mark), [and if relevant translator(s), preceded by the abbreviation 'Trans.', capital 'T' as part of the citation.]

   **Example:**
   Soto, Gary. "Behind Grandma’s House."

2. Name of the anthology, editor(s) (preceded by the abbreviation 'Ed.', capital E) or compiler(s) (Comp.) of the book being cited and edition (abbreviation 'ed.', lower-case 'e,' follows number). *Note:* capital and lower-case as well as placement before or after the name and number respectively differentiate editor (Ed.) from edition (ed.).

   **Example:**

3. Publication information:
   - Place of publication (followed by a colon),
   - Publisher (followed by a comma),
   - Date of publication (followed by a period),
   - Page number(s) (without 'p.' or 'pp.', followed by a period). Indicate 'Print.'

   **Example:**

**Complete example for Works Cited citation for a single primary source from the textbook:**

Research Scenario 2: one primary source + additional secondary sources from the textbook

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Works Cited entry 1 (primary source from the textbook):

Author (Last name, first name), "Title." (in quotation marks - period precedes end quotation mark); capitalized last name(s) of the editor(s) for additional Works Cited entry and cross-reference (followed by a period), and page number(s) of the work (followed by a period).

Example:


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Examples (in Works Cited):


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Example (in Works Cited):


Works Cited references and textbook cross-reference* as they appear alphabetically arranged:


* Remember that you need five secondary sources minimum + one primary source for the final copy of your research paper.