

Sample Works Cited Entry with Review of Literature

Remember: Two Parts!

Part #1: Works Cited: Follow MLA style (exactly)! Use Hacker Guidelines on my web site.

Part #2: Review of literature. Include ALL of the following:

- Brief summary of the article.
- Critical analysis of the validity of the article. Consider these:
 - legitimacy of source, both the publisher, the publication, and/or the author
 - timeliness of source (e.g. an article on cloning written in 1985 would be out-dated and most likely inaccurate given research developments in recent years).
- Focus of article. How does the article provide you with additional insights not available in your other articles. How does it give you new perspectives.

Follow the models below:

Works Cited

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Travis, John. “Antidepressants Increase Brain Steroids.” *Science News* 4 December 1999: 23-26.

This article explains how antidepressants work on the brain and the relationship between the use of these drugs and how individual drugs can increase brain steroids that may cause brain damage. This article was written by a researcher for publication in a science journal, so the information is very valid; however, I found it difficult to understand all the scientific terminology the author used. This article would be best understood by a chemistry major, but the summary of key findings at the end of the article gave me facts and statistics that I was able to use in my project.

OR YOU CAN BULLET THE INFORMATION AS FOLLOWS:

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Don't forget to follow these MLA Works Cited rules!

- Alphabetize the Works Cited by the first word in each entry.
- Use hanging indents for the second and subsequent lines of each Work Cited entry.
- Remember to put periods at the end of all your citations.
- Preparing a Works Cited is like playing “Simon Says.” The MLA Style Guide is Simon, and you must capitalize, punctuate, and order each item in an entry exactly the way it is formatted in Simon, aka the MLA Style Guide. You may use the website resources I give you in class for proper MLA citation formats.