

How to Cite Literary Reference Materials in MLA Style (7th ed.) (link to [Libraries](#))

Literary reference materials are typically cited by individual **items (articles)** within books or periodicals (such as journals or magazines). When searching Palm Beach State databases for reference sources, each **article** is listed separately in a **Result List**.

Instructions for citing:

Create a **resource** list consisting of helpful sources which provide basic information about the topic of the paper, including those to be cited with **paraphrased** and **quoted** text in the research paper. *Wikipedia* and other general encyclopedias might be included in this initial list, but typically not cited in an academic research paper.

From the initial list, the final **Works Cited** list is created and consists of sources cited in the paper. This list should be arranged in alphabetical order.

Sample Works Cited

❶ Palm Beach State database

Henningfeld, Diane Andrews. "Overview of 'Hills Like White Elephants'." *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Tim Akers. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999. 164-66. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 27 Jul. 2009. ❶

"Hills Like White Elephants." *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Tim Akers. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999. 155-72. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 27 Jul. 2009. ❶

Johnston, Kenneth G. "'Hills Like White Elephants': Lean, Vintage Hemingway." *Studies in American Fiction* 10.2 (1982): 233-38. Rpt. in *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Tim Akers. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999. 166-69. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 27 Jul. 2009. ❶

Maynard, Reid. "Leitmotif and irony in Hemingway's 'Hills Like hite Elephants'." *The University Review* 37.4 (1971): 273-75. Rpt. in *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Tim Akers. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999. 170-72. Print.

Mazzeno, Laurence W. "Ernest Hemingway." *Critical Survey of Short Fiction*, 2nd rev. ed. N.p.: Salem, 2001. *Literary Reference Center*. Web. 3 August 2009. ❶

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"Overview: *The Cider House Rules*." *Characters in 20th-Century Literature*. Ed. Laurie Lanzon Harris. Detroit: Gale Research, 1990. *Literature Resource Center*. Web. 27 July 2009.

Weeks, Lewis E. "Hemingway Hills: Symbolism in 'Hills Like White Elephants'," *Studies in Short Fiction* 17.1 (1980): 75-77. Rpt. in *Short Stories for Students*. Ed. Tim Akers. Vol. 6. Detroit: Gale Group, 1999. 169-70. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 27 Jul. 2009.



Databases with Literary resources:

Gale Virtual Reference Library *Literary Reference Ctr.* *Literature Resources from Gale*

Cite **paraphrased** and **quoted** sources within text of a paper according to the entries in the **Works Cited** list. Examples below are linked to the **Sample Works Cited** list on this sheet.

Signal phrase

... According to Maynard, the girl's character responds with more imagination (172).

Parenthetical Citations

Example 1

... There are tough choices made by the character, Jig. ("Hills" 158).

Example 2

Hemingway's setting is Spain and... (Johnston 166).

Quotation

"... implicit in the title and developed in the story [and] contributes ..." (Weeks 169).

- For assistance with details of grammar, spelling, and other writing and speech outlining questions, visit the [SLC Writing Lab](#). Also see [The Bedford Handbook](#).
- Several guidelines from the [MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7th ed. \(2009\)](#):
 - No underlining; use italics instead (see 3.3, pp. 78-9)
 - When to include URL
 - if, without it, reader could face difficulty finding source
 - if **your instructor requires it**
 - **Flexibility of MLA style:** "improvise" when unanticipated features encountered
 - **"Be consistent..."** with styles when writing all citations
 - **Verification of websites:** chance of "disappearing sites, ... download, ... print, [or email] ..." retrieved references and save for later – just in case (5.6.1, pp. 182-3)