

How to Cite Specific Speech Resources in MLA Style (7th ed.) (link to [Libraries](#))

Resources for speeches are cited in a similar manner to those used in research papers. There is some differentiation between resources for **informative** and **persuasive speeches**. For example, **viewpoint essays** and **news editorials** may be more useful for **persuasive speeches**. **Reference** sources (subject encyclopedias, etc.) may be more useful for **informative speeches**. Ultimately, choose sources based on the need for supporting the information necessary for your topic.

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

1 Palm Beach State database

Ashworth, William, and Charles E. Little. "Alternative Energy Sources." *Encyclopedia of Environmental Studies*. New ed. New York: Facts On File, 2001. *Science Online*. Web. 13 Feb. 2009. **1**

Cooper, Mary H. "Exporting Jobs." *CQ Researcher* 20 February 2004: 149-72. *CQ Researcher Online*. Web. 12 Feb. 2009. **1**

"Geothermal Energy." *World of Earth Science*. Ed. K. Lee Lerner and Brenda Wilmoth Lerner. Vol. 1. Detroit: Gale, 2003. 252. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Web. 16 Feb. 2009. **1**

"Issue Guide: Economy." *Public Agenda for Citizens*. Public Agenda, 29 July 2009. Web. 29 July 2009.

"Lake Worth, Florida." *Google Maps*. Google. 28 July 2009. Web. 28 July 2009.

Meyer, Ronald C. and James M. Roberts. *Life After Oil: The New Energy Alternatives*. Prod. Centre Comm. Narr. Erick Avari. Ambrose Video, 2008. *PB State College Media Collection*. Web. 21 January 2010. **1** (continues)

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Obama, Barack. "Energy." *Vital Speeches of the Day* Aug. 2009: 338-39. *Academic Search Complete*. Web. 21 August 2009. ❶

Putnam City North High School. "Basic User's Guide to NoodleTools." *NoodleTools Part 1*. N.p., 24 February 2008. *YouTube*. Web. 4 August 2009.

Piatak, Tom. "Outsourcing Threatens American Workers." *Opposing Viewpoints: Globalization*. Ed. Louise I. Gerdes. San Diego: Greenhaven, 2006. *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. Web. 12 February 2009. ❶

Notes about databases in **Sample Works Cited** list
All databases provide a variety of sources. Focus of several listed here:

- *Science Online*, reference sources.
- *CQ Researcher*, objectively-written articles.
- *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, reference sources.
- *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*, viewpoint essays.
- Other: *Issues & Controversies*, objectively-written articles.

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Cite **paraphrased** and **quoted** sources within your speech according to the entries in the **Works Cited** list. **Signal phrases** with action verbs are used to introduce cited sources to public speaking audiences. A website providing examples of action verbs:

- Texas A&M International University Writing Center http://www.tamui.edu/adminis/pase/writingcenter/documents/MLAsigphrases_ACR.doc "Using Signal Phrases in MLA Papers"
- [Ask a librarian](#) about other lists of "action verbs."

Examples provided below are linked to sample **Works Cited** list.

Paraphrase

William Ashworth and Charles E. Little define alternative energy sources as those derived ...

Quotation

Tom Piatak expresses his disdain for moving jobs overseas and states: "the antidote to ..."

- 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)