CITING IRREGULAR SOURCES IN MLA
A QUICK GUIDE TO USING AND INCORPORATING IRREGULAR SOURCES

THE BIBLE

The first time you cite the Bible in your paper, you will need to write out the entire translation in italics, followed by a comma and the reference.

If you use the same version throughout the paper, you can abbreviate the translation in italics.

If you use another version you will need to write out the entire translation. Every time you use switch translations, you will also need to write out the full translation, regardless of whether you have used it previously.

Your works cited page will follow a similar format as every other book. Skip the author and list the title (most likely to be a variation of Holy Bible), then translation, the publisher, and finally the year.


SONGS

When referencing a song within your paper the name of the artist should be included in parenthesis directly after the quote.

Within your works cited list your source by citing the name of the artist, adding the title of the song, followed by the title of the album, and ending with the recording company and year. When citing from a music subscription (such as Spotify or Apple Music), simply add the platform and the song link at the end of your citation.

(Maher).


SONGS

An online video must always be cited in your paper. Do this directly after the quote or paraphrase add the creator(s) last name(s).

At the end your document, in the work cited page, list the title of the video, the platform (i.e. YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) followed by the username, date uploaded, and url.

(TED).

(Khan, Sal. “Let’s Teach for Mastery – Not Test Scores.” YouTube, uploaded by TED, 26 September 2016, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTRxRO5SRA)
**POEMS**

When citing a poem be careful to note if the book is created by one author or if it is bundled by an editor. In your paragraph add your citation after the quote.

Within your Work Cited list the author, title of the poem, title of the book or bundle, the editor(s), and finally the city and year of publication.

(Burns).

**LECTURES**

When referencing a powerpoint slide that was used in your class include the professors name, class and lecture title, the course name, date and the school that the lecture was given at. At the end include the presentation software used (such as Microsoft PowerPoint, Apple Slides, or Prezi).


Your class lecture, something the professor said in during your in-class time, is cited similarly. List the name, title of the lecture, the course title, the date and the name of the institution the lecture was given at. Be sure to add the type of communication (in this case lecture) at the end of your citation.

Lastly, many professor utilize handouts to summarize their points. Using these for your paper is an excellent idea, but be sure to cite them correctly in your works cited. Start with the professors name, then the title of the handouts or class notes and the date your received them. Finish your citation by adding the source format (such as course handout or class notes).

Citing sources correctly can be a challenging step in the writing process. However, when done correctly utilizing a variety of sources will support your claim, add validity, and increase the overall academic level of your writing. Don’t leave yourself wondering how to cite a certain source. The Ally Center’s Writing services are ready to help at any stage of the writing process.