Citing Sources According to MLA (8th ed.)

Use this guide to organize your Works Cited list and the parenthetical notes in the text of your essay. It is based on the following publication, which is available through the library: the MLA Handbook, 8th edition.

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