

# MLA WORKS CITED: ONLINE REFERENCE WORKS

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## AN ONLINE DICTIONARY DEFINITION:

- A Works Cited entry is not needed. Name it in your discussion; for example, write “*Lexicom Online Dictionary* defines 'integrity' as ...” and then quote the definition.
- However, if you decide to cite a dictionary as an actual research source, use the model below.

“Integrity.” *The Cambridge Dictionary*, [cambridge.org/dictionary/english/integrity](http://cambridge.org/dictionary/english/integrity).

## AN ENTRY IN AN ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA:

- If an author is named, open the entry with that name. Otherwise, omit the author

“Iceland.” *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*, [www.britannica.com/](http://www.britannica.com/).

Kumar, Raj. “Phobias.” *College Encyclopedia of Psychology*, edited by A.C. Jones and T.J. Holt, 3rd ed., 2006, <http://www.psychsource.com/entries/phobias/>.

## A WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE:

- Check with your teacher whether you can cite *Wikipedia*. It is updated by the public and may not be accurate.
- You must provide a URL leading to the archived version of the article you consulted.

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“Canadian Pollination Initiative.” *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 9 Sept. 2018, [en.wikipedia.org/en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Canadian\\_Pollination\\_Initiative&oldid=858719435](https://en.wikipedia.org/en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Canadian_Pollination_Initiative&oldid=858719435). Accessed 3 Dec. 2020.

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