
A Note to Instructors

This booklet, *Documenting Sources*, is published as a supplement to accompany handbooks by Diana Hacker.

The models in this booklet follow the guidelines set forth in the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*, 3rd Edition (New York: MLA, 2008). Your students will find models for both in-text citations and works cited entries beginning on page 3 and a model research essay on pages 46–55. Bedford/St. Martin's is providing this booklet free of charge.

As you may know, the Modern Language Association publishes its *MLA Style Manual* for graduate students, scholars, and professional writers — those who write texts for peer review and publication. MLA publishes a separate set of guidelines for college undergraduates and high school students: the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, now in its sixth edition (2003). Typically, handbooks for college writers are based on the *MLA Handbook*; all current Hacker handbooks follow the sixth edition guidelines.

The seventh edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* is due to publish in spring 2009. MLA has recommended that undergraduate writers continue to follow the guidelines outlined in the sixth edition of the *MLA Handbook* until the seventh edition is published (see < www.mla.org/style_faq1 >). When the *MLA Handbook* is available, Bedford/St. Martin's will reprint all of its handbooks — and update all handbook-related media products — to include the 2009 MLA guidelines for undergraduates in time for fall 2009 classes.

Whether you ask your students to follow the guidelines in the *MLA Style Manual* (2008) or the current *MLA Handbook* is your choice. No matter what you decide, Bedford/St. Martin's will provide your students with the guidance they need to write and document academic research papers in MLA style.

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