



The use of any generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tool, such as ChatGPT, should be treated as any other resource you use in completing your academic work. This may include formal citation practice using MLA or an informal attribution.

IMPORTANT

Always check with your professor to ensure you are permitted to use GenAI to complete an assessment.

Helpful tip: Create your Works Cited (reference list) entry first. This will help you to easily create each of your in-text citations because you will have all of the required information in one spot.

How to Cite in MLA:

The examples below are built from this GenAI prompt: **Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.**

Works Cited list entry:

“xxx” prompt. *ChatGPT*, xxx version, OpenAI, date of use, chat.openai.com/chat.

✓ example:

“Describe the symbolism of the green light in the book *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald” prompt. *ChatGPT*, 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 8 Mar. 2023, chat.openai.com/chat.

In-text citation:

(“Starting of the prompt”)

✓ example:

...the light becomes a reminder that we should be aware of the dangers of pursuing a dream that is unattainable (“Describe the symbolism”).

In-text citation where you are required to include a transcript of your interaction with ChatGPT as part of the assignment:

(“Starting of the prompt”; see xxx for the full transcript)

✓ example:

(“Describe the symbolism”; see assignment section 2 for the full transcript).

Informal attribution:

An informal attribution may be used when you used ChatGPT to create supportive text or ideas for you to start working from. Examples of this may be the generation of ideas to start a piece of writing or a framework to create content in.

You want to acknowledge that you collaborated with ChatGPT:

“I acknowledge the use of ChatGPT for generation of three key ideas that I researched to ensure accuracy and then developed further. The prompt(s) I used were...”

For further information visit:

[How do I cite generative AI in MLA style? | MLA Style Center Citation - Artificial Intelligence - Library Guides at Durham College](#)

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