

Image Citation

The intention of this guide is to help students follow MLA format and appropriately credit creators of works of visual art used in their research. This not only helps authors avoid plagiarism and copyright infringement, but also helps readers successfully locate the same resource.

Image citations can be confusing, so keep in mind:

- ***The citation of an original work of visual art differs from the citation of an image/reproduction from a secondary source, such as a book or a website.***
- ***You may not always be able to find each source detail mentioned in the format guidelines. Just do your best to provide as much information as possible in your citations.***
- ***Instructors may have specific requirements for each class. Always check with your instructors early in the assignment to confirm their expectations for your final work.***

Image Captions

Captions appear below the image and typically begin with the abbreviation for *Figure* (*Fig.*), then followed by assigned Arabic numerals and a brief description.

An entry in the works-cited list is not necessary if an image caption provides complete information about the source, and it is the only time the source is referenced in the text.



Fig. 1. *North by Northwest*. Cary Grant, scene still. Dir. Alfred Hitchcock. Metro-Golden-Mayer, 1959, <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Alfred-Hitchcock/images-videos>. Accessed 3 June 2011.