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MLA Documentation Style

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Notes:

- For additional and more-detailed explanations, consult the *MLA Handbook Eighth Edition* located at the Information Commons.

- Dr. Jo Koster from the Winthrop English Department has created an online presentation titled *The New MLA Style*, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acHq0ecLxVA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acHq0ecLxVA&feature=youtu.be)

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