How to Write a Bibliography (MLA Style)

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Example: Holy Bible: New Living Translation. Wheaton: Tyndale, 1996.

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Author (last name, first name). "Title of the article or page". Title of the site. Date accessed. <URL>

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http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/shows/cool/giants.

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