

## CITING GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

Generative AI is not itself a source with a given physical format (cf. print book, journal article, video, etc.) but a tool for drawing text and ideas *from* sources with traditional formats – hence, the placement of this section under “Tools.”

However, MLA Style recommends familiar citation style for citing the results of AI searches, with the “citations” to be included in the “Works Cited” list. The MLA Style website includes a new section to answer the question “How do I cite generative AI in MLA style?” ([style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/](https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/)). The recommendations are followed by comments with users’ questions and reactions. Inevitably, at this early stage, the recommendations are a work in progress: Consult the MLA website regularly for updated information.

### **Basic Elements:**

“Text of the prompt” prompt. *Name of AI Tool*, version number and/or date [of AI Tool], Creator of AI Tool, date content was generated, general URL for the Tool.

### **Examples:**

“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](https://chat.openai.com/chat).

“In 200 words, describe the symbolism of the green light in *The Great Gatsby*” follow-up prompt to list sources. *ChatGPT*, 13 Feb. version, OpenAI, 9 Mar. 2023, [chat.openai.com/chat](https://chat.openai.com/chat).

“Pointillist painting of a sheep in a sunny field of blue flowers” prompt, DALL-E, version 2, OpenAI, 8 Mar. 2023, [labs.openai.com/](https://labs.openai.com/).