TEMPLATE WORKS CITED LIST

Below is an example of a Works Cited list entry. It is quite similar to the entries you will be making for your own Works Cited lists, so use it as a model. Follow the formatting you see here: double spaced, all lines after the first tabbed in, and basic information listed in this order: author (last name first), story/essay/poem title (if any), book title (underlined), editors or translators (if any), edition (if any), place the source was published, short name of publisher, most recent date of publishing, page span (only for stories, essays, poems in a collection).

This is only one possible example entry; there are *many* different types of sources you could list on a Works Cited list, and each is notated slightly differently. Use the **MLA Primer** sheet and other online samples I've provided in the Resource Center of the course for additional examples.

You can also use **EasyBib** or **Citation Machine**, websites designed to automatically build your (MLA style) Works Cited list entries for you after you enter the proper source information (note that these websites only create entries for you based on the information you provide – it you fail to supply important name, title, publishing, etc. information, the list entry created for you by the site will not include that information in the entry and your entry will then be incomplete).

Works Cited

Kincaid, Jamaica. "Girl." *Rereading America: Cultural Contexts for Critical Thinking*
      and Writing. Ed. Gary Colombo, Robert Cullen, Bonnie Lisle. 7ᵗʰ ed. Boston:
      Bedford/St. Martin's, 2004. 421-423.

Commented [GC1]: Lists are called "Works Cited." Don't use bold or underlined text in the list title, or call it anything else (like Bibliography or Reference List).

Commented [GC2]: Skip a space between the title and the first entry on your list. Note that the typeface and font size are the same as in the rest of the essay before it.

Then make sure to **double-space** your entire list, but be sure **not** to insert extra spacing between separate list entries.

Set all subsequent lines of each entry in **one tab** – don't run them flush to the left margin like the first line of the source entry.

Commented [GC3]: List the author's name, last name first, separated by a comma and finished with a period (as is every separate piece or category of information in a list entry).

Commented [GC4]: Notice that you place the name of the specific reading selection in quotation marks *before* the title of the anthology (if your work came from a collection or anthology or any kind of larger work).

Notice also that the name of the anthology is italicized (it can also be underlined).

Commented [GC5]: *If your source comes from an anthology or collection, note that the editors of the larger work are identified with "Ed.", and their full names are listed here, separated by commas.

Commented [GC6]: This is the edition of the anthology (it has gone through 6 previous printings).

Commented [GC7]: The order in which you put this information is quite important: first the place the *anthology* (not your specific reading selection) was published, then a shortened version of the publisher's name, then the most recent printing date. Make sure your punctuation exactly matches what you see here.

Commented [GC8]: This is the page span for the selection cited in this entry.