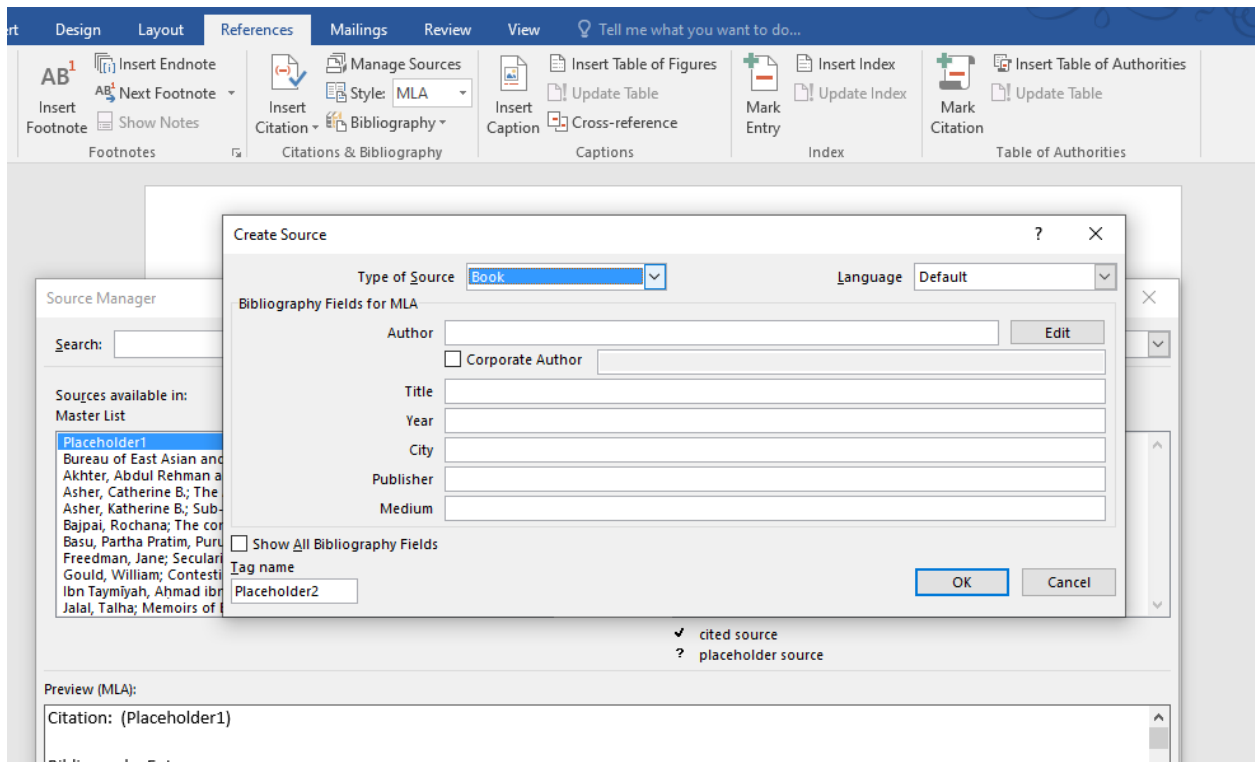# MLA Citation

One of the essential components of a well written essay is citations. They are a means of referencing the sources in your essay, to give due to authors whose work has helped you in the composition of your work. MLA is one of the various styles that you can employ to accurately cite your sources.

Note: In MLA style a bibliography is usually referred to as works cited. The difference between the two lie in the content of each. A bibliography usually comprises all the works/sources cited and consulted in your essay. Whereas, works cited in MLA must contain each reference cited in your paper and vice versa.
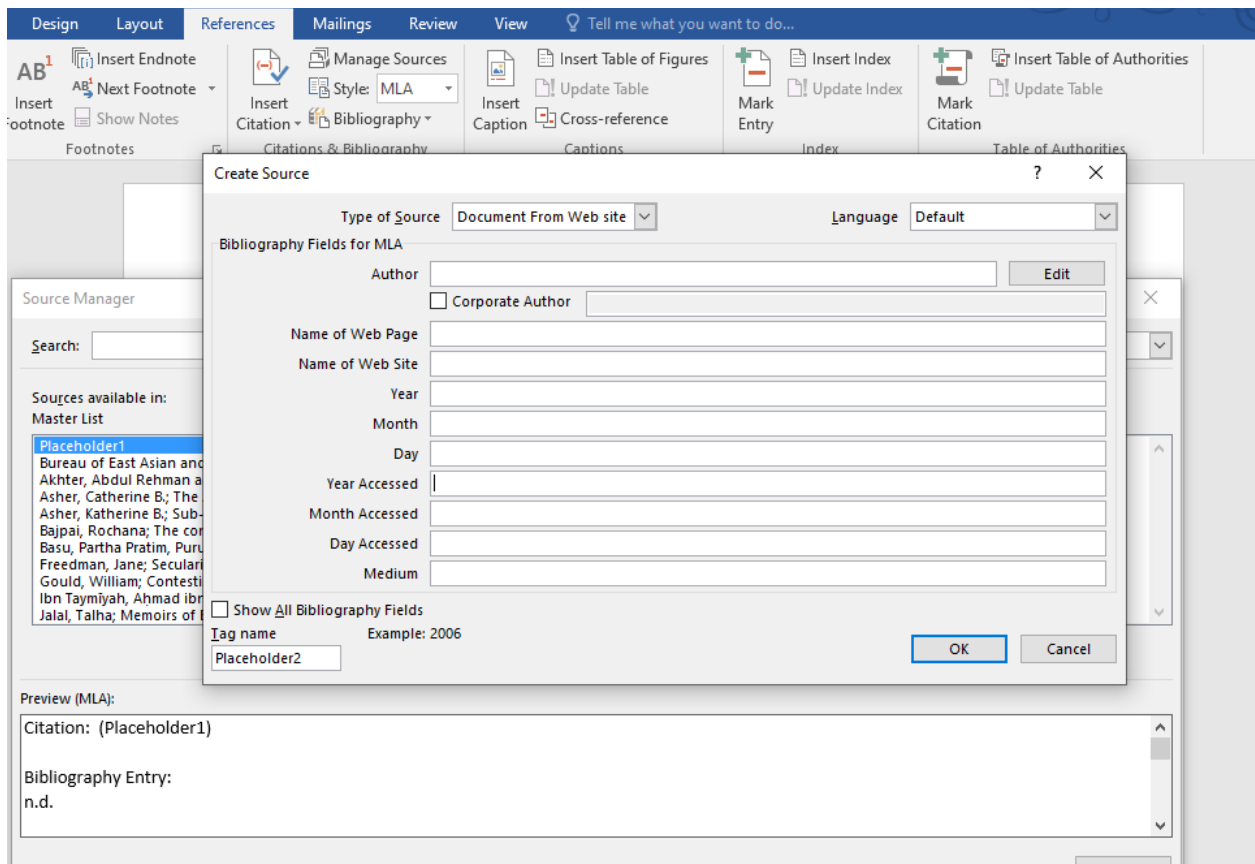
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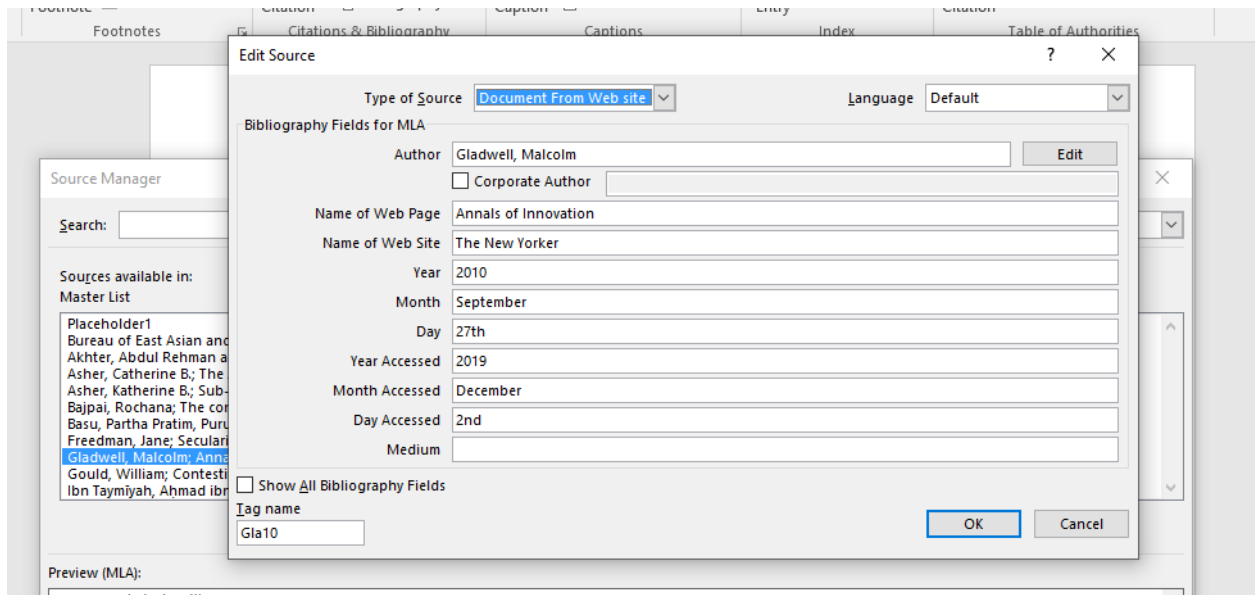
Example 1:

Suppose you have to cite the article, *Small Change* by Malcolm Gladwell, in your essay. This essay was first published in the New Yorker in their 2010 issue; these details you'll find by googling this source. Firstly, you identify the *type* of source. In this case, it is an essay in a magazine. Thus, you go to the reference tab on your document and click on MLA format. Then you go to manage sources and click on new source, this tab will appear in your document:
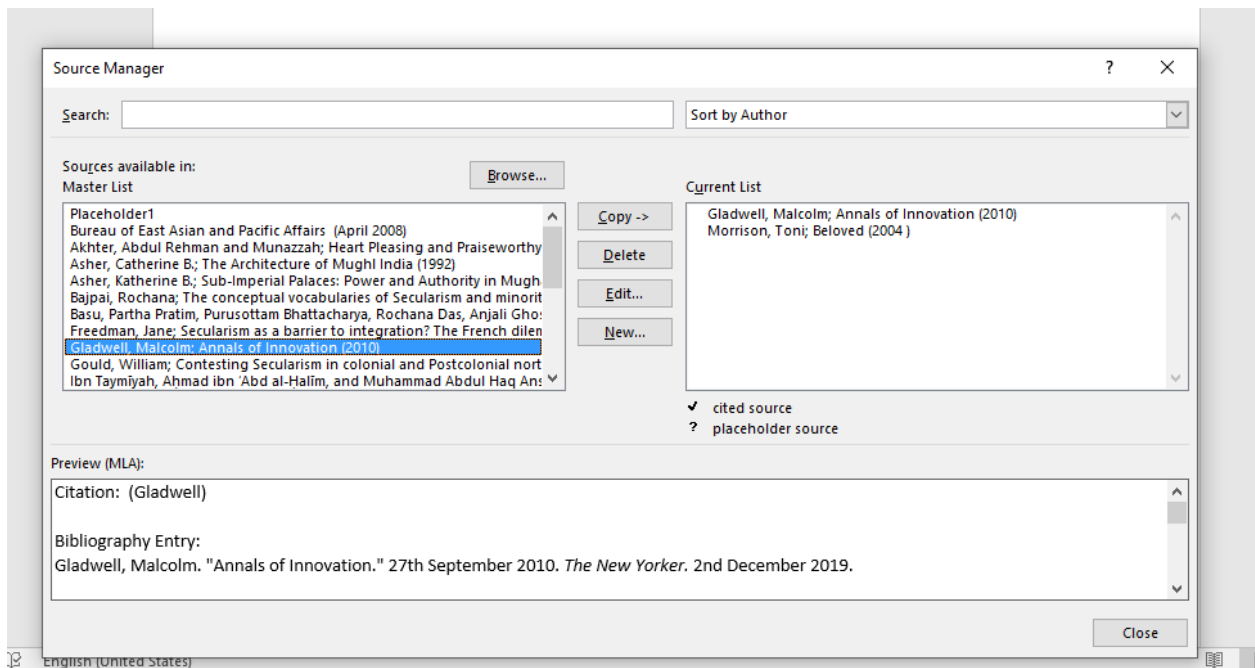
Next, you select the type of source, in this case, magazine article. However, the type section doesn't show the specific 'magazine article'. Therefore, you will click on document from website.

Now, using your source, fill in the details as follows:

Finally, you click on Ok and can preview your in-text citation and reference in MLA format.

Keep in mind that the text citation, the one in brackets, will be used in between sentences. For example,

"Malcom Gladwell, in his essay, highlights that personal connections prove to be more beneficial in gathering people for a social cause. In order to illustrate this, he provides the example of the civil rights movement in North America. (Gladwell)."
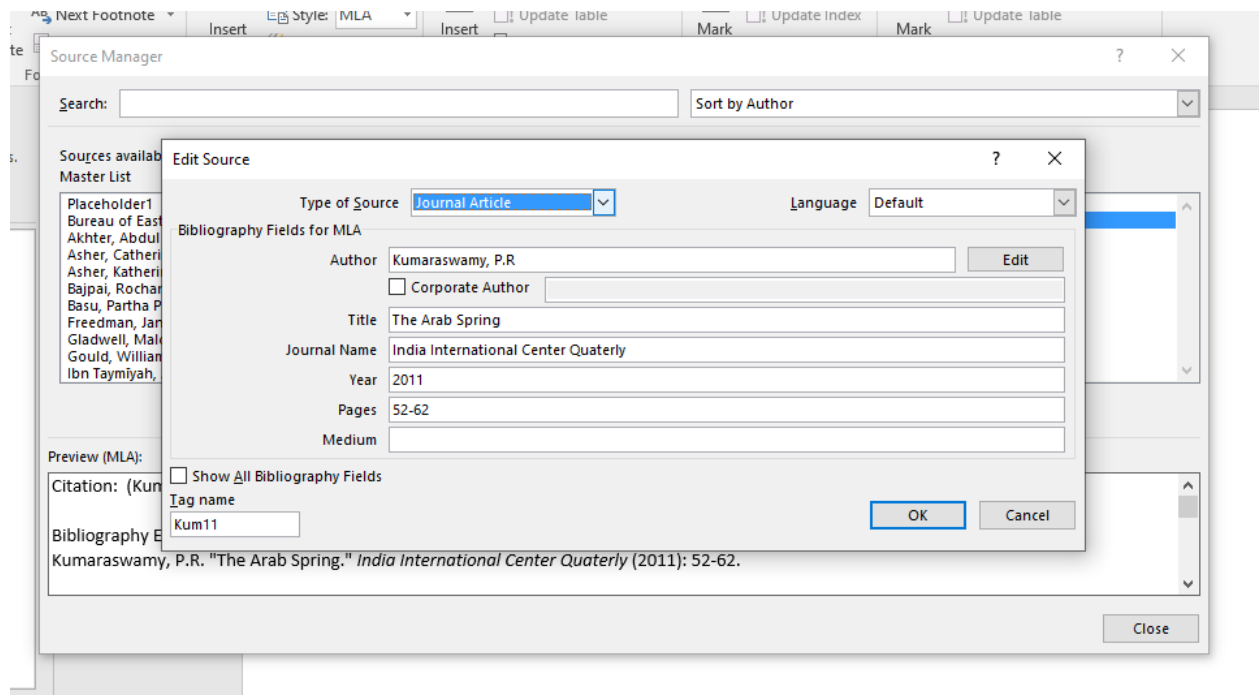
In comparison, works cited will be provided at the end of your paper. Once you're finished with all the necessary content in your essay, you will go to the references tab and click on bibliography. From that dropout, you will select works cited and your source will appear as follows:
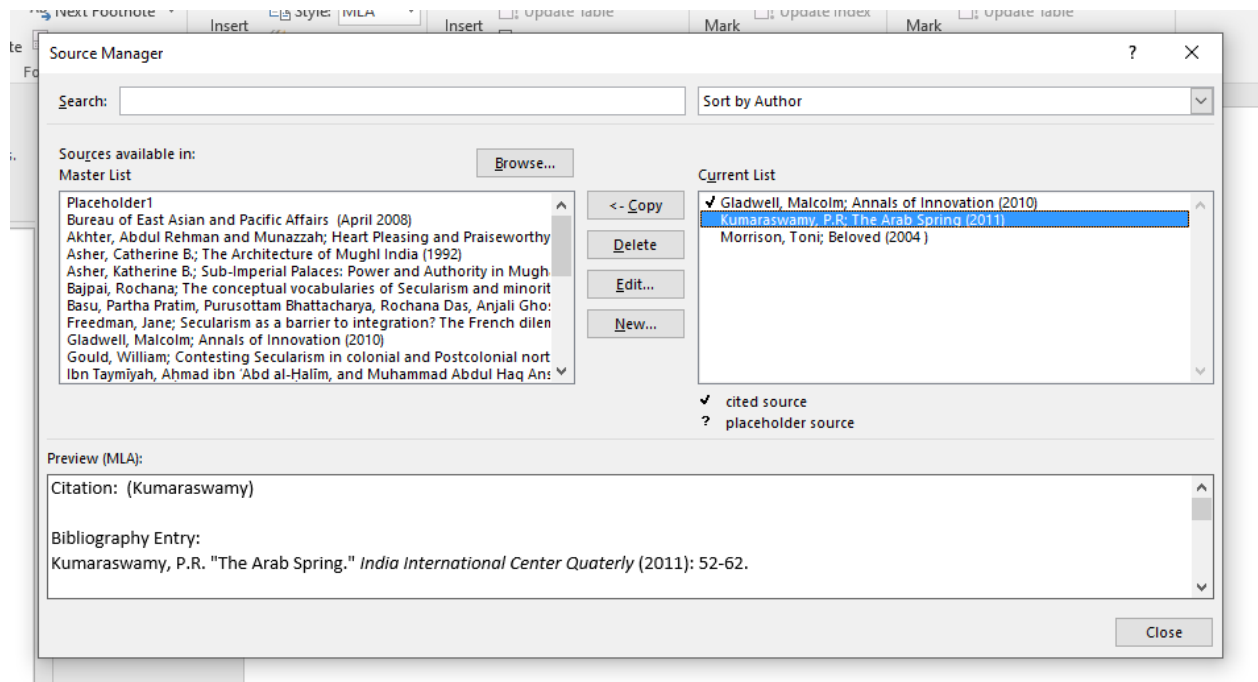
Works Cited

Gladwell, Malcolm. "Annals of Innovation." 27th September 2010. *The New Yorker.* 2nd December 2019.

Example 2:

Now, you need to cite a journal article, *The Arab Spring* by P.R. Kumaraswamy, which was downloaded from JSTOR. The same procedure as above will be followed, with the exception of changing type of source to 'journal article'.

After filling all the required fields, as shown above, click OK. Your citations will be as follows:

As shown in the previous example, in-text citation will be used between sentences. Whereas, works cited will be provided at the end of your paper. As such, the works cited for this journal article is as follows:
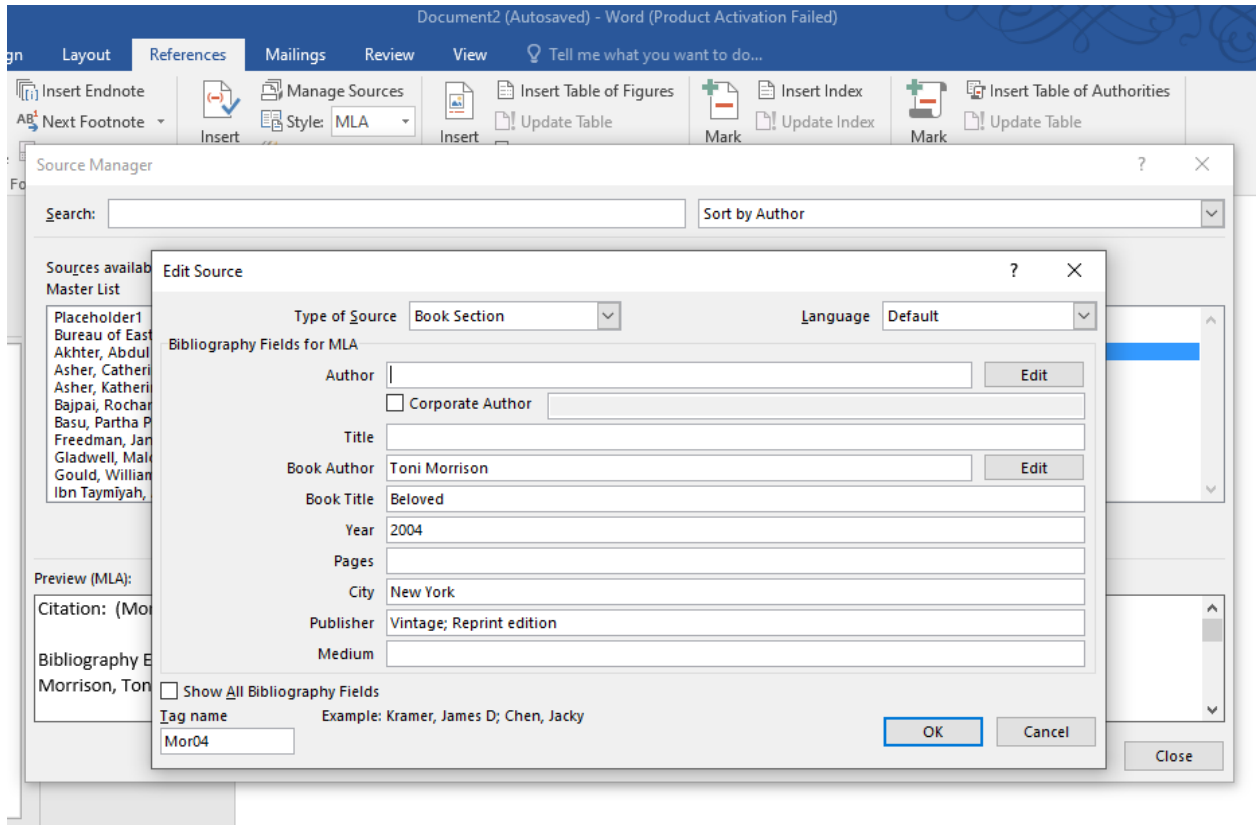
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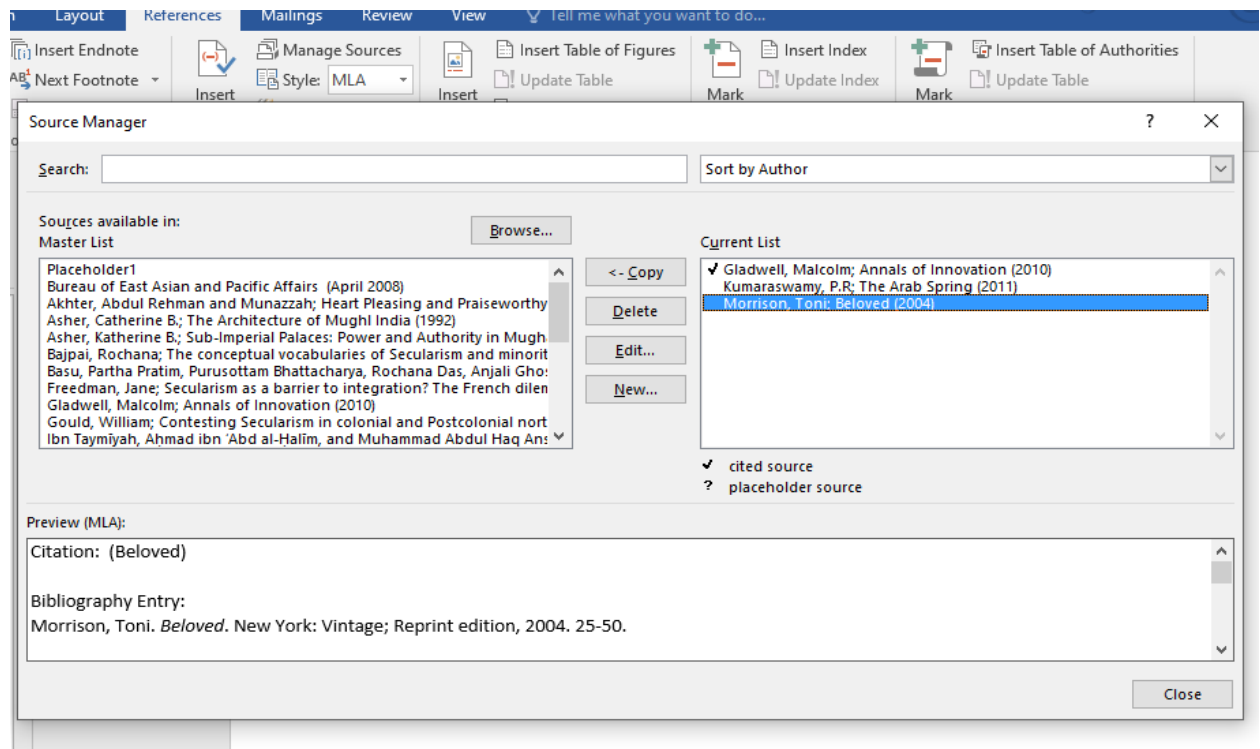Kumaraswamy, P.R. "The Arab Spring." *India International Center Quaterly* (2011): 52-62.

Example 3:

You've used a certain a section of book in your paper and needs to be cited. The book is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. The same procedure as above will be followed, with the exception of changing type of source to 'book section'. You'll need to know details such as the year in which the book was published, city, publisher and the page numbers. Once you have all the details, proceed as follows:

After filling all the required fields, as shown above, click ok. Your citations will be as follows:

As shown in the previous example, in-text citation will be used between sentences. Whereas, works cited will be provided at the end of your paper. As such, the works cited for this book is as follows:

Works Cited

Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*. New York: Vintage; Reprint edition, 2004. 25-50.