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GENERATIVE AI DOCUMENTATION IN MLA STYLE

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Citations In-Text and Works Cited

“Describe the symbolism of the ruined statue in *Ozymandias*” prompt. *ChatGPT*, model GPT-4o, OpenAI, 8 Jan. 2026, chat.openai.com/chat.

- Citation in prose: According to OpenAI's ChatGPT, the ruined statue in *Ozymandias* symbolizes the passage of time and the inevitable loss of power associated with it.
- Parenthetical citation: Essentially, the ruined statue in *Ozymandias* symbolizes the passage of time and the inevitable loss of power associated with it (“Describe the symbolism”).

References

Modern Language Association. (2025, August 13). *How do I cite generative AI in MLA style? (Updated and revised)* MLA Style Center. <https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai-updated-revised/>