



### MLA 8 Style Guide

MLA (Modern Language Association) 8 asks creators of citations (you) to look for *core elements* – items that are common to most works/sources – and list them in the preferred MLA order with their accompanying punctuation. In this “updated” citation model, MLA focuses more on the creation of the work than the work itself. – From [MLA Style Center](#), Accessed 4 April 2018.

Core Elements & Punctuation	What they are/do
1. Author.	Who/what created work/source List authors in their order on the title page. List two authors. <b>Use “et al” with more than 3 authors.</b>
2. Title of source.	Specific name of work/source. <i>Book titles</i> are italicized. “Article titles,” “chapter titles,” etc. are in quotation marks.
3. Title of container,	When work is part of larger work, the larger work is identified as the <b>container</b> , ex. journal.
4. Other contributors,	Editors, translators, directors, performers, etc.
5. Version,	<b>Edition</b> , ex. 2nd, updated OR <b>Version</b> , ex. English Standard Version (ESV)
6. Number,	Volume, number, ex. vol. 2, no. 7
7. Publisher,	Who/what published work/source
8. Publication date,	When work/source/container was published
9. Location.	Page number(s), chapter(s), section(s), DOI –digital object identifier #, URL/permalink(s). Your instructor may require access dates. <b>Omit http:// or https:// for URLs.</b>

**Reminders** - From “MLA Works Cited Page: Books” & “MLA Works Cited Page: Basic Format,” [Purdue OWL](#), Accessed 4 April 2018.

- Use commas between Publisher, Publication Date, and Pagination.
- You no longer have to indicate the “Medium.”
- Containers are now a part of the MLA process. Periods should be used between Containers.
- Use DOIs instead of URLs when available.
- Use the phrase, “Accessed,” instead of listing the date or the abbreviation, “n.d.” – no date.
- Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.

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<b>Type of Source</b> (hyperlinked to Purdue OWL)	<b>Works Cited Example</b> (double-space within Citation)	<b><u>Author-Page In-Text Citation</u> Ex. (Schwartz 91)</b> Omit author’s name from parentheses if already included in cited sentence.
<a href="#">Printed Book, One Author</a>	Berger, Jonah. <i>Invisible Influence: The Hidden Forces That Shape Behavior</i> . First ed., Simon & Schuster, 2016.	(Berger page #)
<a href="#">Printed Book, Two Authors</a>	Moore, Alan and David Lloyd. <i>V for Vendetta</i> . New ed., Vertigo, 2008.	(Moore and Lloyd page #)
<a href="#">Printed Book, Three Authors</a>	Troyan, Michael, et al. <i>Twentieth Century Fox: A Century of Entertainment</i> . Globe Pequot Press, 2017.	(Troyan et al. page #)
<a href="#">Printed Book, Translator/Editor/Etc.</a>	Hammar skjöld, Dag. <i>Markings</i> . Translated by Leif Sjoberg and W.H. Auden, Vintage Books, 2006.	(Hammar skjöld page #)
<a href="#">A work (essay/chapter/short story) in a larger work (anthology/compilation)</a>	Long, Crystal. “Meeting the Needs of People with Disabilities.” <i>Research Methods for Librarians and Educators: Practical Applications in Formal and Informal Learning Environments</i> , edited by Ruth V. Small and Marcia A. Mardis, Libraries Unlimited, 2018, pre-publication.	(Long page #)
<a href="#">Article in an Online Database</a>	Houtman, Gustaaf. “Benazir Bhutto (1953-2007): A conversation with Akbar Ahmed.” <i>Anthropology Today</i> , vol. 24, no. 1, Feb. 2008, pp. 4-5. <i>Ebscohost</i> , doi: 10.1111/j.1467-8322.2008.00557.x. Accessed 4 April 2018.	(Houtman page #)

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<a href="#">Personal Interview</a>	Harris, Al. Personal interview. 10-11 October 1992.	(Harris time range referenced) Ex. (Harris 01:31:05-01:35:45)
<a href="#">Video</a>	Veitch, James. “TedTalks: This is what happens when you reply to spam email.” <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by TedTalks, 1 Feb. 2016, <a href="https://youtu.be/QdPW8JrYzQ">youtu.be/ QdPW8JrYzQ</a> .	(Veitch time range referenced) Ex. (Veitch 00:02:25-00:02:35)
<a href="#">Webpage/Article on a Website</a>	“Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld.” <i>United Nations Secretary-General</i> , United Nations, <a href="http://www.un.org/sg/en/content/formersg/dag-hjalmar-agne-carl-hammarskj%C3%B6ld">www.un.org/sg/en/content/formersg/dag-hjalmar-agne-carl-hammarskj%C3%B6ld</a> . Accessed 4 April 2018.	(Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjöld) It is preferable to include identifying information for the source in the sentence text.
<a href="#">Website (whole site)</a>	<i>United Nations</i> . United Nations, <a href="http://www.un.org/en/index.html">www.un.org/en/index.html</a> . Accessed 4 April 2018.	(United Nations) It is preferable to include identifying information for the source in the sentence text.

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