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.

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<th>Core Elements &amp; Punctuation</th>
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<td>1. Author.</td>
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<td>List authors in their order on the title page. List two authors. Use “et al” with more than 3 authors.</td>
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<td>2. Title of source.</td>
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<td>Book titles are italicized. “Article titles,” “chapter titles,” etc. are in quotation marks.</td>
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<td>3. Title of container,</td>
<td>When work is part of larger work, the larger work is identified as the container, ex. journal.</td>
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<td>4. Other contributors,</td>
<td>Editors, translators, directors, performers, etc.</td>
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<td>6. Number,</td>
<td>Volume, number, ex. vol. 2, no. 7</td>
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<td>7. Publisher,</td>
<td>Who/what published work/source</td>
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<td>8. Publication date,</td>
<td>When work/source/container was published</td>
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<td>9. Location.</td>
<td>Page number(s), chapter(s), section(s), DOI –digital object identifier #, URL/permalink(s).</td>
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<td>Your instructor may require access dates. Omit http:// or https:// for URLs.</td>
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- 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.
- Double space all citations, but do not skip spaces between entries.

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