MLA Citation Style-8th Edition

This handout covers the latest version of MLA Citation Style. For further detail you may consult the *MLA Handbook-8th edition*, located in the MPC Library reference section at call number **REF LB 2369 .G53 2016**.

In the next few pages are examples of some of the more common sources that you cite when writing research papers. These are good examples/guides to help you when doing your citations. There is also more information on some of the specific rules at the end of this handout.

Author Formatting

Single Author	**Last Name, First Name.** **Vonnegut, Kurt.** *Cat's Cradle*. Penguin, 1965.
Two Authors	**1st Author is Last Name, First Name, and 2nd Author First Name Last Name.** **Ellis, Catherine, and Stephen Drury Smith.** *Free All Along: The Robert Penn Warren Civil Rights Interviews*. The New Press, 2017.
Three or More Authors	**Only name the 1st Author listed by Last Name, First Name, followed by et al.** **Green, Matthew, et al.** "Elite Rugby Players' Attitudes Towards Sport Psychology Consulting." *Sport & Psychology Review,* vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.

Books

Book **With Author**	**Author. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Year of Publication**. Pollan, Michael. *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*. Penguin, 2007.
Book **eBook ****	**Author(s). *Book Title*. Edition (if listed), Publisher, Year of Publication. *E-book Database Name*.** Nachel, Marty. *Homebrewing for Dummies*. 2nd ed., For Dummies, 2008. *EBSCO eBook Collection*.
Book **With Editor**	**Editor. *Book Title*. Publisher, Year of Publication.** Foner, Eric, editor. *Voices of Freedom: A Documentary History*. W.W. Norton, 2014.
Book **With Author and Editor**	**Author. *Book Title*. Editor(s), Publisher, Year of Publication.** Hemingway, Ernest. *Letters of Ernest Hemingway Volume 1, 1907-1922*. Edited by Sandra Spanier and Robert W. Trogdon, Cambridge UP, 2011.

Book **Chapter or Work** **in an Anthology or** **Compilation**	**Author. "Title of Work."** ***Book Title*****, Editor, Publisher, Year of Publication,** **Page Numbers.** Twain, Mark. "Advice to Youth." *The Norton Reader*, edited by Linda H. Peterson, W.W. Norton, 2008, pp. 677-679.
Book **With a Later** **Edition**	**Author(s).** ***Book Title.*** **Edition, Publisher, Year of Publication.** Fuentes, Agustin. *Biological Anthropology: Concepts and Connections*. 2nd ed., McGraw-Hill, 2012.

Articles

Magazine Article **format (in Print)**	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Magazine Title*****, Date of Publication,** **Original Page Numbers.** Hiatt, Brian. "Monterey Pop." *Rolling Stone,* 12 July 2007, pp. 93-94.
Journal Article **format (in Print)**	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*****, volume number, issue number, Date of** **Publication, Original Page Numbers.** Green, Matthew, et al. "Elite Rugby Players' Attitudes Towards Sport Psychology Consulting." *Sport & Psychology Review,* vol. 8, no. 1, Feb. 2012, pp. 32-44.
Magazine or **Newspaper Article** **in an Online** **Database****	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Magazine or Newspaper Title*****, Date of** **Publication, Original Page Numbers.** ***Database Name*****.** Stein, Joel. "A Beer Lover's Paradise." *Time,* 21 Apr. 2008, pp. 59-61. *Academic* *Search Complete*.
Journal Article in **an Online** **Database****	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*****, volume number, issue number, Date of** **Publication, Original Page Numbers.** ***Database Name.*** Roessler, Carl. "The Early Days of Great White Shark Cage Diving." *Journal of* *Diving History,* vol. 20, no. 3, 2012, pp. 11-21. *Academic Search Complete*.
Journal Article in **an Online Database** **with a DOI** **number****	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Journal Title*****, volume number, issue number, Date of** **Publication, Original Page Numbers.** ***Database Name*****, DOI Number.** Dolman, Sarah J., and Michael Jasny. "Evolution of Marine Noise Pollution Management." *Aquatic Mammals,* vol. 41, no. 4, 2015, pp. 357-374. *Academic* *Search Complete,* doi:10.1578/AM.41.4.2015.357.
Article from a **Web Site**	**Author(s). "Article Title."** ***Publication Title*****, Date of Publication, URL of Website.** Wingfield, Nick. "Amazon Proves Infertile Soil for Unions, So Far." *New York Times,* 16 May 2016, www.nytimes.com/2016/05/17/ technology/amazon-proves-infertile-soil-for-unions- so-far.html.

** URLs are recommended by MLA but not mandatory. We recommend for articles and ebooks from our online library databases
that you **do not** include the URL/"permalink". See page 48 of the MLA Handbook, 8th edition for reference if needed.

Websites

Website	*Title of Webpage.* **Publisher of Website, Date of Creation, URL of Website.**
	Ocean Protection. Surfrider Foundation, 2016, www.surfrider.org/programs/ocean-protection.
Blog Post/Webpage with author	**Author. "Title of Blog Post/Webpage." Blog/Website Name, Date of Post/Creation, URL of Blog/Website.**
	Biggs, John. "Startup Step-By-Step: Why I'm Doing Another Startup." TechCrunch, 1 May 2017, techcrunch.com/2017/05/01/startup-step-by-step-why-im-doing-another-startup/.
YouTube Video (Author is also the Uploader of Video)	**Author/Uploader of Video. "Title of Video."** *YouTube,* **Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.**
	Monterey Jazz Festival. "2015 Next Generation Jazz Orchestra at MJF58." *YouTube,* 4 Nov. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHZpON1hV44.
YouTube Video (Author is different than the Uploader of Video)	**Author of Video. "Title of Video."** *YouTube,* **uploaded by Uploader, Date of Creation or Upload, URL of Website.**
	Musk, Elon. "The Future We're Building-and Boring." *YouTube,* uploaded by TED Talks, 3 May 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIwLWfaAg-8.

General Guidelines for the Whole Works Cited Page

1. Center the title **Works Cited***,* one inch from the top of the page.
2. Double space between the title and the first entry.
3. Each entry should begin flush with the left margin. If the entry is more than one line, indent the next line or lines one-half inch (or 5 spaces).
4. Make sure each individual citation is double spaced and that the entire works cited page is uniformly double spaced.
5. Alphabetize the list.

Guidelines for the Specifics within Each Citation

1. Capitalize all significant words **except for** grammatical articles (a, an, the), prepositions and conjunctions. **Capitalize** grammatical articles, prepositions and conjunctions when they are the first word of a title or subtitle.
2. Dates should be in MLA format as Day Month Year. All months are abbreviated except for May, June and July, which are spelled out. The abbreviations are:
      Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
      Example: 6/30/16 should be 30 June 2016. 10/3/16 should be 3 Oct. 2016
3. When listing authors only the very first author is last name, first name. Any person listed after the first person is first name last name.
4. Italicize *Book Titles, Periodical Titles* and *Database Names*

5. For journal article citations you include the volume and/or issue number. Put **vol.** before the volume number and **no.** before the issue number.
6. When including page numbers, put **pp.** before the page numbers listed. If you are listing just a single page number then just put a single **p.** before it.

Guidelines for Websites and Databases

1. When citing a website include the URL/Web address of the webpage but **do not include** '**http://**' or '**https://**'in the address.
2. When citing a **website** look for a date of creation. If you do not see one then look for a copyright date at the bottom of the page and use that. If there is no date then do not include one and continue to the next part of component of your citation.
3. When citing a journal article from a database or a website, if a DOI number is included (a digital object identifier) then put the DOI at the end of your citation.
4. MLA recommends inclusion of URLs/web addresses in your works cited list but if your instructor prefers that you do not include them, then follow their directions (page 48 in the MLA Handbook-8th edition). For this handout we have **not included** permanent link URLs for articles/eBooks from library databases in our examples but we do include the URL/web address for websites.

MLA Guidelines

The latest edition of MLA Style is not centered on publication formats like the old edition. Instead, a universal set of common sense guidelines common to most works makes it **easier to document new mediums and sources without waiting for new instructions from the MLA**. There are still rules to follow with things like capitalization, italicizing and date formats but this new edition is much more flexible than the last one.

These new guidelines state that the major elements below should be included in the citation. If an element is missing, skip it and continue through the list. They are:

1. Author.
2. Title of Source.
3. Title of Container,
4. Other Contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication Date,
9. Location.

Sometimes elements 3-9 will repeat again. For example, if your article came from a library database, then the additional information would be needed.