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General MLA Citations: Below are the core elements that make up a citation, if the information is available. Keep in mind, not every source has all these elements. It is up to you to use your judgement!

| Elements | Example |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Author. | Last, First M. (one author) |
| | Last, First M. and First M. Last. (two authors) |
| | Last, First M., et al. (three or more authors) |
| 2. Title of Source. | Book, chapter, newspaper, magazine, journal title. |
| | Website headline |
| | YouTube video title |
| 3. Title of Container, | Journal, magazine, or newspaper title |
| | Online streaming provider such as Netflix or YouTube |
| | Main website |
| 4. Contributor, | edited by directed by |
| | introduction by narrated by |
| | translated by illustrated by |
| 5. Version, | Version (unabridged version, King James Version) |
| | Edition (2nd ed., expanded ed., updated ed.) |
| 6. Numbers, | Articles volume and issue number Issue (vol.42, no. 3,) |
| | TV Shows/podcasts (season 4, episode 10) |
| 7. Publisher, | Name of publisher, organization, media companies, corporations, |
| | government department and/or agencies, or museums. |
| 8. Publication Date, | year (2020) |
| | day month year (4 Aug. 2020) |
| | season (winter, spring, summer, fall) |
| 9. Location. | Page range (p. 55 or pp. 25-31) |
| | Database name and DOI |
| | Database name and URL |

Articles from a database: (one author)

Last, First M. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Publication date, p. one page or pp. page range. *Database*, shareable URL.

DiChristina, Mariette. "The Treasure Hunt Is On." *Scientific American*, vol. 315, no. 2, Aug. 2016, p. 4. *Academic Search Premier*,

https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=116822704&site=ehost-live.

Articles from a database: (two authors)

Last, First M. and First M. Last. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Publication date, p. one page or pp. page range. *Database*, stable URL.

England, Kim and Kate Boyer. "Women's Work: The Feminization and Shifting Meaning of Clerical Work." *Journal of Social History*, vol. 43, no. 2, winter 2009, pp. 307-340. *JSTOR*, www.jstor.org/stable/20685389.

Articles from a database: (three or more authors)

Last, First M., et al. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Publication date, p. one page or pp. page range. *Database*, https://doi.org/xxxxx.

Parihar, Vipan K., et al. "What Happens to Your Brain on the Way to Mars." *Science Advances*, vol. 1, no. 4, 2015, pp. 1-6. *PubMed*, https://doi.org/10.1038/scientificamerican0816-4.

Articles in Print:

Last, First M. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol., no., Publication date, p. one page or pp. page range or location.

Glionna, John M. "They Put a New Face on Crime Fighting: Self-Styled Superheroes Don Masks to Patrol their Cities' Streets." *Los Angeles Times*, 26 Aug. 2012, p. A16.

Websites

Last, First M. "Title of Page." *Title of Overall Website*, Date Published, URL.

Mansharamani, Vikram. "Superbugs: The \$100 Trillion Risk." *Fortune*, 16 Jun. 2016, www.fortune.com/2016/06/01/antibiotic-superbugs-bacteria-e-coli.

Tweet

Twitter name [handle]. "Tweet." Twitter, Date of tweet, URL.

Neil DeGrasse Tyson [@neiltyson]. "Schools often fail to simultaneously train students how to be skeptical of claims & how to embrace the weight of the evidence." *Twitter*, 31 July 2016, twitter.com/neiltyson/status/759777990343593984.

Video

Streaming (YouTube and TED Talks)

"Name of Video." *Platform*, uploaded by Username, date uploaded, URL.

"Research Therapy: How to Find Books on the Shelf." *YouTube*, uploaded by CSUN University Library, 24 Aug. 2012, youtu.be/9rMipKvqr2Y.

Last, First M. "Name of Video." Platform, date uploaded, URL.

Cain, Susan. "The Power of Introverts." *TED Talks*, Feb. 2012, www.ted.com/talks/susan_cain_the_power_of_introverts?language=en.

Film/DVD

Title of Film. Directed by First M. Last, Distributor, Year.

CSUN University Library Last updated 6/2021

Iron Man. Directed by Jon Favreau, Marvel Studios, 2008.

Government Online Publications

Sub-agency name. Title of Source. Primary government agency, Publication date, URL.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Zika CDC Interim Responses Plan*. U.S Dept. of Health and Human Services, July 2016, www.cdc.gov/zika/pdfs/zika-draft-interim-conusplan.pdf.

Books in print: One Author

Last, First M. *Title of book*. Publisher, Publication date.

Lepore, Jill. The Secret History of Wonder Woman. Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

Books in print: Two Authors

Last, First M. and First M. Last. Title of book. Publisher, Publication date.

Daniels, Les, and Chip Kidd. Wonder Woman: The Life and Times of the Amazon Princess: The Complete History. Chronicle Books, 2004.

Books in print: Three or more Authors

Last, First M., et al. *Title of book*. Publisher, Publication date.

Rowling, J.K., et al. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One and Two*. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2016.

Chapter in a print book (1 author example, three editors example)

Last, First M. "Title of Chapter." *Title of book*, edited by First M. Last et al., Publisher, Publication date, pp. page range.

Furlong, Michael. "Gendered Power: Comics, Film, and Sexuality in the United States." *Ages of Heroes, Eras of Men: Superheroes and the American Experience*, edited by Julian Chambliss et al., Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013, pp. 92-105.

*Use et al., if there are three or more editors for a source.

- One editor example: edited by Allen Barrett.
- Two editor example: edited by Trisha Morgan and Charles Lindley.

E-book

Last, First M. Title of book. Publisher, Publication date. Database name, shareable URL.

Brown, Jeffrey. Black Superheroes, Milestone Comics, and their Fans. UP of Mississippi, 2001.

Ebrary Academic Complete,

https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/csun/detail.action?docID=619210.

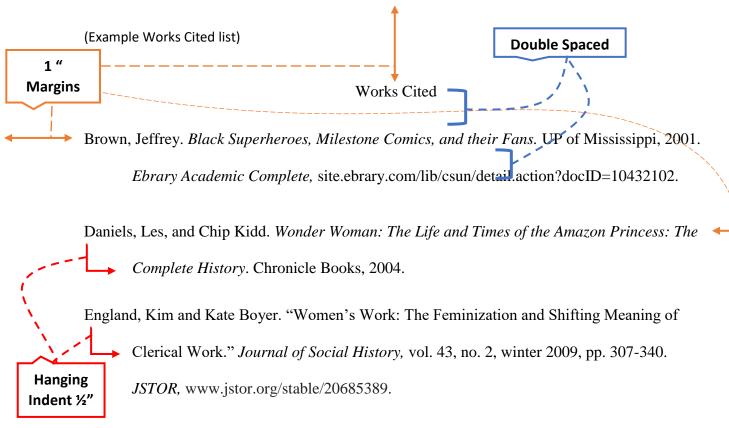
What has changed since MLA 8th edition?

- Not much! It is an expansion of the eighth edition with new sections on grammar, writing advice, mindful of inclusive language, expansion endnotes & footnotes, and new guidelines for annotated bibliographies.
- URLs:
 - Continue: if a DOI is available it is preferred over a URL or permalink.
 - DOIs should now include the http:// and https://
 - For general websites, copy and paste from your browser, some will include the www. and some will not. Either is acceptable.
 - Full URLs are recommended but optional especially for long URLs that are three or more lines long.
 - You can shorten URLs to the general site if it is excessively long.
 - Don't use shortening services such as bit.ly.
 - Remember, when getting a URL from a library database where you have to log in
 and is behind a closed paywall; use the permalink or stable URL provided by the
 database. Do not copy and paste the browser URL.
- If an article is issued by season (spring, summer, fall, winter) the first letter is now lower case.
- The appendix includes over 30 pages of citation examples listed by publication format.
- Shortening University Press publisher name. If the publisher includes University Press, abbreviate to UP. Example, Cambridge University Press would be shortened to Cambridge UP.

Tips:

- A Works Cited list should be organized alphabetically by author's last name.
- Works Cited list should be double spaced with a hanging indent.
- In-Text citations should be placed directly after the quote or paraphrase
 - o (Author's Last Name page number) (Furlong 95)
 - o If the author is mentioned in the sentence then only provide the page # (95)

- Publication date should be formatted day month year with the month abbreviated. It could also be: month year or season year depending on how it was published.
 - o Examples:
 - 26 July 2016Dec. 2015
 - spring 2016
- Abbreviations: If the names of the months are more than 4 letters abbreviate to the following: Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec



"Research Therapy: How to Find Books on the Shelf." *YouTube*, uploaded by CSUN University Library, 24 Aug. 2012, youtu.be/9rMipKvqr2Y.

Rowling, J.K., et al. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One and Two*. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2016.

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