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MLA uses the following core elements to construct each citation. If a core element doesn’t apply to your work, skip it and move on to the next element. For a template, see the back of this handout. Citation examples are on the next page.

Author or creator. (21-25)
For multiple authors, list them in the same order they’re published in. If a different type of creator, specify after a comma.
One author: Rowling, J.K.
Two authors: Green, John, and David Leviathan.
Three or more: Burdick, Anne, et al., editors.

Title of Source. (25-29)
Use italics for independent works and “quotation marks” for smaller works inside larger works.
Capitalize every word except for articles (a, an, the), prepositions, and conjunctions (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).

Title of Container, (30-36)
Containers are larger works that contain the smaller work you’re citing. They could include a book, journal, or website.
Citations can also include more than one container, such as a journal and the database that contains the journal.
Container titles are usually italicized. Examples are found on the second page of this handout.

Other contributors, (37-38)
Include other contributors if they are important to your project.
Ex: translated by, adapted by, directed by, edited by, illustrated by, introduction by, performed by, etc.

Version, (38-39)
Could include book editions, unabridged versions, director’s cuts, etc.
Ex: Authorized King James Version, expanded ed., 7th ed., director’s cut, version 1.3.1, etc.

Number, (39-40)
Could include volume and issue numbers. For any numbering system, include the division type before the number.
Ex: vol. 2, no. 1, (no. = issue number) Ex: season 4, episode 12,

Publisher, (40-42)
The publisher, usually a company, is the party responsible for publication or hosting the source.
Ex: Oxford UP, Bloomsbury, Twentieth Century Fox, Scientific American Blogs, U.S. Department of Commerce, etc.

Publication Date, (42-47)
If a source has multiple dates, use the one most pertinent to your project. For books, use the latest date on the title or copyright page. Use as much information as the source gives—this includes year(s), month, day, and occasionally time.
If you can’t find the publication date for an online source, consider adding the date of access to the end of your citation.
Ex: Jan. 2014, 17 May 2016, 9:30 p.m., Accessed 14 June 2016,

Location, (46, 48-50)
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Article or Document from a Website (28)


Book Chapter or Article in an Anthology or Reference Book (30)


Newspaper or Magazine Article, Online (30)


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