# MLA 8th Ed. Citation Guide

## Contents

**Periodicals**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Journal Article</td>
<td>[Library Database]</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Journal Article</td>
<td>[Print &amp; Electronic]</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Magazine Article</td>
<td>[Print &amp; Electronic]</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Newspaper Article</td>
<td>[Print &amp; Electronic]</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Book Review</td>
<td>from a Magazine, Journal or Newspaper</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Websites and Social Media**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Work on a Website</td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blog Post</td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Twitter</td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Books**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Book</td>
<td>[Print Version]</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Book Published Electronically</td>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Article or Chapter</td>
<td>in an Edited Collection</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Entry in a Widely-Used Dictionary/Encyclopedia</td>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Audiovisual Media**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>YouTube Video</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Streaming Video (Netflix, Hulu)</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Film/Movie</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Podcast</td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>An Image from a Website</td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Class Resources**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Details</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Custom Textbook Chapter</td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation Slides</td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blackboard Discussion Post</td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class Lecture/Class Notes</td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Multiple Author Examples</td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Formatting Papers</td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Citing Sources In-Text</td>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Periodicals – Print or Online

(Journals, Magazines, Newspapers)

Journals – Print and Electronic

Journal Article - [on a Library Database]

Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Article title.” Journal Title, volume, issue, date, page number range. Database Name, doi or URL. Accessed day month year.


Notes:
• Periodicals are typically issued in multiple volumes and issues, which are numbered. If you consult an article with a volume and/or issue number, indicate the volume and issue number after the magazine or journal title. Volume is abbreviated “vol.” and issue number is shortened to “no.”.
• If you are indicating a URL, you can leave off “http://” and any proxzy prefix like “http://ezproxy.mvcc.edu/login?url=”. 
• If a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) is provided, use it rather than a URL. A DOI is indicated like this: “doi: 10.4103/0028-3886.198236”.
Online Journal Article [on the free Web]

Author(s). "Article title." Journal Title, publication date, URL. Accessed day month year.


Journal Article [print]

Author(s). "Article title." Journal Title, volume, issue, date, page number range.


Magazines – Print and Electronic

Magazine Article - [From a Library database]

Author(s). "Article Title." Magazine Title, volume, issue, date, pages. Database name, DOI or URL. Accessed day month year.


Magazine Article - [From a Website]

Author(s). “Article Title.” Magazine Title, Date on Web, Pages, URL. Accessed day month year.

**Magazine Article – [Print version]**

Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Article title.” *Magazine Title*, Day Month Year, pages.


**Newspapers – Print and Electronic**

**Newspaper Article – [Print version]**

Author. “Article title.” *Newspaper Title*, date, page(s).


Notes:
- If no author is given for the newspaper article, begin with the article’s title instead.
- If the article appears on more than one page then use pp. not p. (Example: pp. A1, A8.) If the article is on nonconsecutive pages, indicate the start page then a + sign.

**Newspaper Article – [Online]**

Author. “Article Title.” *Newspaper Title*, date, page number(s) if available, URL or DOI.

Accessed day month year.

**Newspaper Article** – [From a Library Database]

Author. “Article Title.” *Newspaper Title*, date, page number(s). *Database*, URL or DOI.

Accessed day month year.


**Book Review from a Magazine, Journal or Newspaper**

Review Author. “Article title.” Review of *Title of Book*, by Author First Name Last Name.

*Title of publication*, volume, issue, date, page range. *Database* (if applicable), DOI or URL. Accessed day month year.


**Websites & Social Media**

**Work on a Website**

Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Article Title.” *Website Name*. Publisher, Date, URL.

Accessed day month year.

Frotman, Seth. “Did you Take Out Student Loans to Attend ITT Tech? You Have Options.”


**Webpage - No Author**

“Webpage Title.” *Name of site*, Name of institution/organization affiliated with site, date, URL/DOI. Accessed day month year.


**Blog Post**

Author. “Title of blog entry.” *Name of the site*, Name of institution affiliated with blog, date, URL. Accessed day month year.

Houghton, Sarah. “Open Letter to ALA President Julie Todaro re: Recent ALA Statements.”


**Twitter**

@Twitter handle. “Title of post.” *Twitter*, date & time of Tweet, URL. Accessed day month year.

# Books – Print or Online

*For textbook references see Class Resources*

## Book [print version]

For multiple author examples see page 12

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Author(s). Title. Publisher, year of publication.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Note:**
- Providing the place of publication is not necessary in MLA 8th edition citations.
- You can abbreviate publisher names in a works cited page to an extent. Omit business words like *Company (Co.)*, *Corporation (Corp.)*, *Incorporated (Inc.)*, and *Limited (Ltd.)*. In names of academic presses, replace *University Press* with UP (or, if the words are separated by other words or appear alone, replace them with U or P). For example, University of Chicago Press would be U of Chicago P.

## Book Published Electronically

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Author. Title. Source of Ebook. Publisher, year of publication, doi: or URL. Accessed day month year.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

## Article or Chapter in an Edited Collection

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Author of chapter. &quot;Chapter or article title.&quot; Book Title, edited by First Name Last Name, publisher, year of publication, page number range.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

## Entry in a Widely-Used Dictionary/Encyclopedia

|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
Audiovisual Media

YouTube Video

“Title.” YouTube, uploaded by screen name, date uploaded, URL.

“The Ultimate Viral Cat Video.” YouTube, uploaded by AaronsAnimals, 6 Apr. 2016,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0InWSCIFk4.

Streaming Video (Netflix, Hulu)

Title of Film. Role by First and Last Names, Production Studio, Copyright date. Streaming Service, URL. Accessed day month year.


Film/Movie

Movie title. Director’s name, performances by names, Film Studio or Distributor, release year.


Podcast

Presenter name(s), role. “Episode Title.” Title of Program, season, episode, sponsor, date, URL. Accessed day month year.


## An Image from a Website

Artists’ last name, first name. *Title of Work*, date created Museum where it’s kept, city. URL. Accessed day month year.


## Class Resources

The following are not included in MLA guidelines.

### Custom Textbook Chapter

Chapter Author. “Chapter Title.” *Title of Book*. Publisher, copyright date, page range.


### Presentation Slides

Author. “Title of presentation.” *PowerPoint slides*, date. *Course name*, *Blackboard*, URL (if retrieved online)


Note:

- If you are citing PowerPoint slides printed by an instructor and not retrieved online, then use the same format, but omit Blackboard and the URL in the above example. Replace the URL with the location of class (Academic Building 226).
Blackboard Discussion Post

Name of writer. “Title of post.” Description of item. Title of listserv or discussion list.

Blackboard, date of posting, date you accessed the post.


Class Lecture/Class Notes

Lecturer’s name. Course. Location, Date of lecture.

Multiple Author Examples

For the Works Cited Page:

No Author/Editor: Start with the title; then follow typical guidelines.

One Author

Smith, John L.

Two Authors

Smith, John L., and Sam Evans.

Three Authors or More

Smith, John L., et al.

Two or more works by the same author


Author and Editor

Author’s Last Name, First Name. Title. Edited by First and Last Name(s), Publisher, Date.

Government Example


Formatting Papers

Header: Steps to insert a page number—1) Insert 2) Page number 3) Top of page 4) Close header

Font, spacing, margins and indenting: 12 point Times New Roman font, double spaced. 1 inch margins. Indent the first line of each paragraph.
Citing Sources In-Text

In-text citations are required for paraphrases, direct quotations, and any other researched ideas. The in-text citation will often be the author’s last name and page number.

**Author**

Rosic stated, “tutoring is important” (212).

It has been said that “tutoring is important” (Rosic 212).

Rosic has emphasized the importance of tutoring (212).

For two authors, include both with “and” in between them. (Rosic and Rathbun).

**No author**

Tutoring has been researched for years. One study explored the impact on “student success rates after five tutoring sessions” (“Tutoring Study”).

**Two authors (same last name)** Provide the authors’ first initials or full names if the initials are the same.

*Example:* Studies have shown that tutoring is beneficial (I. Rosic 15), but some students fail to take advantage of available services (B. Rosic 345).

**Indirect sources:** Use "qtd. in" to specify the source you accessed.

Rosic argues that tutoring should be required for all first year students because “it make a difference in their skill level” (qtd. in Raab 12).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>One author</th>
<th>Two Authors</th>
<th>Three Authors</th>
<th>No Author</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Smith explained “....” (2).</td>
<td>One study showed the correlation between success and hard work (Smith and Jones).</td>
<td>Smith et.al completed a study on “the importance of tutoring” (12).</td>
<td>In the article, “Article Title,” student retention was show to be most impacted by relationship building.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Titles: Use title case. (Capitalize the Important Words in the Title).
- Books, periodicals and other longer works should be in *italics*.
- Shorter works should be placed in quotation marks.

Long Quotations: For more than four lines of text, more than three poetry lines, or the inclusion of dialogue from characters in a play, tab quotations. Quotation marks are not needed, and the punctuation will appear before the parenthetical documentation. Double space.

President Randall VanWagoner recently blogged about the transitional state of Mohawk Valley Community College:

This summer, we’ve experienced a number of major changes — a $30 million redevelopment of the Rome Campus; a renovated bookstore and food service area at the Utica Campus; a transformation of the Utica Campus Learning Center into the new Learning Commons; a full replacement of the platform and support columns on Payne Hall; and a redesign of the Academic Affairs administrative structure that also resulted in nearly 70 full-time employees changing offices.

Poetry (3 or more lines)
In the third stanza of Henry David Thoreau’s poem “Inspiration,” he writes:

But if with bended neck I grope
Listening behind me for my wit,
With faith superior to hope,
More anxious to keep back than forward it; (9-12)

Return to the left margin to continue typing the rest of the paragraph.

Dates

Page numbers
- Give a page number/range for books. If the information is not on consecutive pages, provide the first page number and a plus sign. Example: pp. 4+

Illustrations
- Place illustrations by the text about them. If a table is included, format it as follows: *Table 1*. This should be above the table.
- Include a caption and source information beneath the table.

Sample MLA paper: [https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/13/]