

MLA Citation Style Guide (9th edition)

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Look for the following nine core elements when citing. Not all works will include all nine elements.

Nine Core Elements

Examples

<p>1. Author. Authors will be listed in the order they appear on your source.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One author: Last, First Middle Initial. (Moynihan, Daniel P.) • Two authors: Last, First MI., and First MI Last. (Gilbert, Sandra M., and Susan D. Gubar.) • Three or more authors: Last, First MI., et al. (Kernis, Michael H., et al.)
<p>2. Title of Source. If source is an entire work (like a book or website) italicize it; if it is a shorter work included in a container (like an article in a magazine or a page on a website), place the title in quotations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book or entire website (in italics): <i>The Pleasures of Reading in an Age of Distraction.</i> <i>Habitat for Humanity.</i> • Shorter work included in a container: "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud."
<p>3. Title of Container, A container is a larger work that contains the shorter work you are citing. (Examples: a book of poetry is a <i>container</i> for an individual poem; a journal is a <i>container</i> for an individual article.) List containers in <i>italics</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complete Stories and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe,</i> • <i>Journal of the American Medical Association,</i> • <i>The New York Times,</i>
<p>4. Contributors, List any contributors that are important to your discussion of the work. Contributors may include editors, directors, performers, narrators and translators.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edited by Ben Rafoth, • Performed by John Goodman, • Directed by Martin Scorsese, • Translated by Bill Lindsay, • Narrated by Julie Christie,

<p>5. Version, A version may include a later edition of a book, as well as a director's cut of a film.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th ed., • Expanded ed., • Director's cut,
<p>6. Number, The number will include any volume or issue numbers for magazines and journals, as well as seasons or episode numbers for films and televised works.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vol. 3, no. 4, • vol. 8, • season 5, episode 11,
<p>7. Publisher, Include the name of the publisher. For books, the publisher is usually found on the title page; for websites the publisher or the sponsoring organization is often found at the bottom of the page near the copyright date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pearson, • United States Department of the Interior, • Sony Pictures,
<p>8. Publication Date, List the date your work was published. For books, the publication date is generally a year; for magazines, journals or newspapers, the date of publication may include month, date and year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1998, • 3 Jan. 1991, • Oct. 1985, • spring 2015,
<p>9. Location. For print works such as books, the location may be a page or range of pages. For a website, the URL (website address) is recommended, but check with your instructor. For journal articles found in the Library databases, the location will be the article's DOI (direct object identifier) or the article's URL (sometimes called a <i>permalink</i>).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • p. 108. • pp. 92-97. • www.cos.edu/library/. • nyti.ms/1sjGXQA. • doi 10.1111/1467-9248.12049. • http://www.jstor.org.cos.idm.oclc.org/stable/689735.

See specific citation formats and examples on the following pages

Print Books

No author	<i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. <i>The Chicago Manual of Style</i> . 17 th ed., University of Chicago Press, 2017.
Single author	Author's name (Last, First). <i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. Gleick, James. <i>The Information: A History, a Theory, a Flood</i> . Vintage, 2012.
Two authors <i>Note order of second author's name.</i>	Authors' names. <i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. Kovach, Bill, and Tom Rosenstiel. <i>Blur: How to Know What's True in the Age of Information Overload</i> . Bloomsbury, 2011.
Three or more authors	First author's name, et al. <i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. Egan, Amy, et al. <i>Is It a Big Problem or a Little Problem?: When to Worry, When Not to Worry, and What to Do</i> . St. Martin's Griffin, 2007.
Editor	Editor's name, editor. <i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. Nunberg, Geoffery, editor. <i>The Future of the Book</i> . University of California Press, 1996.
Corporate author	Author. <i>Book Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. United Nations. <i>Consequences of Rapid Population Growth in Developing Countries</i> . Taylor and Francis, 1991.
Subsequent edition	Author's name. <i>Book Title</i>. Edition Number, Publisher, Publication Year. Woodbury, George. <i>Elementary and Intermediate Algebra</i> . 3rd ed., Pearson, 2011.

Anthologies or Collections

With more than three editors	First editor's name, et al., editors. <i>Collection Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. Baron, Sabrina A., et al., editors. <i>Agent of Change: Print Culture Studies after Elizabeth L. Eisenstein</i> . University of Massachusetts Press / Center for the Book, Library of Congress, 2007.
Short work (e.g. essay, short story or poem)	Author's name. "Short Work Title." <i>Collection Title</i>, edited by editor's name, Publisher, Publication Year, Page Numbers. Plath, Sylvia. "The Queen's Complaint." <i>The Collected Poems</i> , edited by Ted Hughes, Harper Perennial, 2008, pp. 28-29.

Print Articles

Print articles from periodicals (magazines, newspapers and scholarly journals)	<p>Author's name. "Article Title." <i>Periodical Title</i>, Volume, Issue, Publication Date, Page Numbers.</p> <p>Knesl, Oliver. "Opportunities for Incorporating the Human-Animal Bond in Companion Animal Practice." <i>Journal of the American Medical Association</i>, vol. 249, no. 1, Jul. 2016, pp. 42-44.</p>
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eBooks

NOTE: URLs and dates of access are recommended, but check with your instructor.

eBook from a Library database	<p>Author's name. <i>eBook Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. <i>Database Title</i>, URL.</p> <p>Cohen, Cathy J. <i>Democracy Remixed: Black Youth and the Future of American Politics</i>. Oxford UP, 2010. <i>eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)</i>, search.ebscohost.com.cos.idm.oclc.org/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=336205&site=ehost-live.</p>
eBook from the open Web	<p>Author's name. <i>eBook Title</i>. Publisher, Publication Year. <i>Website Title</i>, URL.</p> <p>Seton, Ernest Thompson. <i>The Artic Prairies: A Canoe-Journey of 2,000 Miles in Search of the Caribou</i>. C. Scribner's Sons, 1911. <i>Project Gutenberg</i>, https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/6818. Accessed 2 Jan. 2021.</p>

Online Articles

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Online scholarly journal article from a Library database	<p>Author's name. "Article Title." <i>Periodical Title</i>, Volume, Issue, Publication Date, Page Numbers. <i>Database Name</i>, DOI, Permalink, or URL. Date of Access.</p> <p>Barnard-Wills, David, and Debi Ashenden. "Playing with Privacy: Games for Education and Communication in the Politics of Online Privacy." <i>Political Studies</i>, vol. 63, no. 1, Mar. 2015, pp.142-160. <i>Academic Search Premier</i>, doi: 10.1111/1467-9248.12049.</p>
Online periodical article from the open Web	<p>Author's name. "Article Title." <i>Periodical Title</i>, Publication Date, URL. Date of Access.</p> <p>Twenge, Jean M. "Stop Debating Whether Too Much Smartphone Time Can Hurt Teens, and Start Protecting Them." <i>Time</i>, 21 Mar. 2019, https://time.com/5555737/smartphone-mental-health-teens/. Accessed 10 Apr. 2019.</p>

Websites/Webpages/YouTube Videos

Entire website	Author's name (if known). <i>Website Title</i>. Website Publisher (if different from the title), Date of Creation or Revision, URL. Date of Access. <i>MedlinePlus</i> . U.S. National Library of Medicine, 2019, https://medlineplus.gov . Accessed Mar. 2021.
Short work from a website	Author's name (if known). "Webpage Title." <i>Website Title</i>, Website Publisher (if different than title), Date of Creation or Revision, URL. Date of Access. Goodman, Brenda. "The Pokémon Go Pick-Me-Up." <i>WebMD</i> , 12 Jul. 2016, https://blogs.webmd.com/breaking-news/2016/07/the-pokemon-go-pick-me-up.html . Accessed 5 Oct. 2019.
YouTube Video	Author of Video. "Title of Video." <i>YouTube</i>, Uploader of video (if different from the author), Date, URL. Date of Access. McGonigal, Jane. "Gaming and Productivity." <i>YouTube</i> , uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E . Accessed 10 Apr. 2021.

Interviews

Published Interview	Name of the person being interviewed. Interview. By Interviewer's Name. Date of Interview. Cruz, Adrienne. Interview. By Mark Parker. 7 Aug. 2016.
Personal Interview	Name of the person being interviewed. Personal interview. Date of Interview. Smith, Jane. Personal interview. 19 May 2014.

In-Text Citations

Author's Name in Text (Paraphrase)	Posnock is quick to point out that Pater believes in the autonomy of the self (181).
Author's Name in Reference (Paraphrase):	Pater believes in the autonomy of the self (Posnock 181).
Author's Name in Text (with Quote):	Posnock is quick to point out that Pater believes in the autonomy of the self, the "individual in isolation" (181).
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If there is no author listed, use the title of the work. For long titles, use the first few words.
Examples: ("Economic Democracy"), ("Childhood Psychology" lines 4-7), ("Too Soon" 38).

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1. Center **Works Cited** one inch from the top of the page
2. **Double space** between the title and the first entry
3. **Double space** each citation and use a **hanging indent**. A hanging indent means that the citation starts flush left and additional lines of the citation begin .5" (or 5 spaces) in from the left.
4. **Alphabetize** the list.
5. See the example of a Works Cited page below.

Works Cited

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Goodman, Brenda. "The Pokémon Go Pick-Me-Up." WebMD, 12 Jul. 2016, <https://blogs.webmd.com/breaking-news/2016/07/the-pokemon-go-pick-me-up>. html. Accessed 5 Oct. 2019.

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