

MLA 8 Basics



MLA 8 Template

- Citation generators OK but must understand basics to ID Errors
- Pay attention to punctuation

MLA 8 Practice Template

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|-------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Author. |
| 2 | Title of source. |
| Container 1 | |
| 3 | Title of Container, |
| 4 | Other contributors, |
| 5 | Version, |
| 6 | Number, |
| 7 | Publisher, |
| 8 | Publication date, |
| 9 | Location. |
| Container 2 | |
| 3 | Title of Container, |
| 4 | Other contributors, |
| 5 | Version, |
| 6 | Number, |
| 7 | Publisher, |
| 8 | Publication date, |
| 9 | Location. |





Additional Notes on MLA 8



1

Inverted name



- Author = last name, first name for first author
- Multiple Authors:
 - Invert 1st one, not others
 - 3+ authors = list first author + et. al. (Eg. Smith, John et. al.)



2

- “ ” article/chapter/webpage title
- *ITALICIZE* if book with one author...i.e. if it is NOT an anthology.




3

- *ITALICIZE* book, periodical, website title



4

- Identify type of contributor: edited by, illustrated by, translated by, etc.
- Don't abbreviate 
- Add name but don't invert




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- Edition of a book → Eg. 3rd edition
- Version of a source → King James version



6

- Use if source part of a # sequence
- Example:
 - vol. #, issue # (vol. 6, no. 2) of a journal 
 - Season, episode
 - Vol. of encyclopedia



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- Who distributes the source (**company name**)



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- Pg. #s (anthology, PDF database article, print periodical) or URL (website)



CONTAINER 2

- Choose the ones that apply; skip the ones that don't
- Most often used:
 - 3. Title of Container → Database name (Italicize) E.g. *ProQuest Research Library* or *SIRS Issues Researcher*
 - 8. Accessed Date
 - 9. Location in database [DOI #, source ID, or URL]

