



## MLA 8 Quick Guide

Here are some MLA 8 citation examples from the Modern Language Association, the Purdue OWL and the CCBC library. For additional examples, go to:

Modern Language Association of America, *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing*. 8<sup>th</sup> ed. MLA, 2016.  
Located at the reference desk or online Call number: R808.52

### Books

#### **Basic Format:**

**Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Publisher. Year.**

#### **One author:**

Herriot, James. *All Creatures Great and Small*. St. Martin's Press. 1972.

#### **Two authors:**

Preston, Douglas & Lincoln Child. *Gideon's Sword*. Grand Central Publishing. 2011.

#### **Three Authors or more:**

Allen, H., et al. *Corrections in America*. Pearson/Prentice Hall. 2007.

#### **A Chapter or Section from a Book**

Tan, Amy. "Mother Tongue." *The Blair Reader*, edited by Laurie G. Kirszner and Stephen Mandell, Pearson, 2014, pp.134-139.

#### **Anthology or Compilation** (utilizing the whole book)

Kirszner, Laurie, and Stephen Mandell, editors. *The Blair Reader*. Pearson, 2014.

### Periodicals

#### **Basic Format:**

**Author. Title. Title of \*container (self contained if book), Other contributors (translators or editors), Version (edition), Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, Publisher Date, Location (pp.). 2<sup>nd</sup> container's title, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Pub date, Location.**

#### **Magazine**

Klein, Hal. "A Chemist in the Cookhouse." *Pittsburgh Magazine*. Dec. 2016, p. 164.

#### **Newspaper**

Writer, Joseph. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Beaver County Times*, 5 Dec. 2016, p. C1.

#### **Scholarly journal article**

Durand, Simone & Teena M. McGuinness. "Suicide in Childhood." *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, vol.54, no. 10, 2016, pp.27-30.

**\*MLA 8 is based on the concept of containers. When the source being documented forms part of a larger whole, the larger whole can be thought of as a container that holds the source. For example, a short story may be contained in an anthology. The short story is the source, and the anthology is the container.**

**Tutor tip: Remember to italicize most self-contained titles (books) and containers.**

## **Database articles**

### **A Scholarly Journal Article from a Database**

#### **Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title*, Volume number, Issue number, Date of publication, Page number(s). *Name of Database*, DOI or stable URL if provided.

**Note:** Only include full URL if professor requires. Do not include http.

## **A Web Site**

#### **Basic format:**

Author's Last name, First name "Title." *Name of Site*, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), Date of resource creation if available, Web address.

#### **Example:**

Harris, Charles "Teenie." *Teenie Harris Archive*, Carnegie Museum of Art, [www.teenie.cmoa.org/interactive/index.html#date08](http://www.teenie.cmoa.org/interactive/index.html#date08).

**If there is no author, start the citation with the title**

## **A YouTube Video**

#### **Basic format:**

Lastname, Firstname [or single username]. "Title of YouTube Video." *Publishing Website*, Day month year posted, Web address.

#### **Example:**

Dewey, Melvil, "Don't Plagiarizzle – A Rap Song about Plagiarism." *YouTube*, 24 June 2014, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E).

## **Top spots for additional MLA 8 information.**

- **Purdue OWL** <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
- **EasyBib.com MLA Citation Guide.** <http://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/mla-8/ultimate-guide-mla-eighth-edition/>
- Be sure to register on EasyBib for advanced citation management help with BeavePA120
- [ccbc.edu/mla](http://ccbc.edu/mla) for citation

Also, visit or contact the Tutor Center at [tutor.center@ccbc.edu](mailto:tutor.center@ccbc.edu) or the Reference Desk at [refdesk@ccbc.edu](mailto:refdesk@ccbc.edu) or 724.480.3427.