MLA Style (8th ed.): Electronic Resources: Databases, eBooks, Websites, Media, and More

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This guide is based on the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 8th Edition.* It provides a basic guide to citing documents that appear in full or complete text in the databases subscribed to by the library plus other online resources. The *MLA Handbook* should be consulted for more complete information on specific sources and formats. **Consult your instructor about interpretations of MLA standards and preferences.**

==Examples in this guide are single-spaced to conserve space. MLA requires double-spaced entries.==

MLA Template

MLA 8th Edition simplifies the process for creating a Works Cited page by allowing the student to use the template on the right. The student should exclude information that is not relevant or is not known. Students can only cite the information available from a source and must skip those elements that are not known. **Double check with your instructor for which elements he or she requires and communicate with your instructor if your source lacks any of those elements.** Not all websites or electronic publications will include every element.

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

Punctuation should be followed as the template indicates, with the final element ending in a period.

Understanding Containers

If the source being documented is part of a larger whole, then the larger whole is the **container.** A given resource might have both a primary and a secondary container, depending on how that resource is house and accessed. For example, a magazine article is a **source.** The magazine in which that article is found is the **primary container.** The database in which the magazine is found is the **secondary container.** If a database is the producer and publisher of original content, then the database functions as the primary (and only) container, but most of the time databases are secondary containers.

Example: Citation Information for Article from Academic OneFile Database:

Author.	Winner, Cherie.
Title of Source.	"Groundwater: Our Hidden Endangered Resource." (this is the title of the article)
CONTAINER 1	
Title of Container,	*Current Health 2,* (this is the name of the journal)
Other Contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	Vol. 22, no. 5,
Publisher,	This is not necessary for journals, magazines or newspapers according to page 42 of the MLA handbook.
Publication Date,	Jan. 1996, (see Handbook for date formats)
Location.	p.28.
CONTAINER 2	
Title of container,	*Academic OneFile*, (this is the name of the database)
Other contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	Do not include for databases that do not produce, but only host, the works it makes available. See page 42 of the MLA Handbook.
Publication Date,	
Location.	Web address, permalink, or DOI for the article in the database. (Omit http or https for links.)
Access Date	An optional element your instructor might or might not require. Access date has not been included in this guide's journal examples.

MLA Works Cited Entry

Winner, Cherie. "Groundwater: Our Hidden Endangered Resource." *Current Health 2*, vol. 22,
no.5, Jan. 1996, p.28. *Academic OneFile*, libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=
http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA17944058&v=2.1&u=mcc_glendale&it
=r&p=AONE&sw=w&asid=786965ab6e46f99f0cd84b51f8567c95.

**Use the manual for punctuation and style specifics. Also, see these helpful links for more
electronic resource tips:**

https://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide-journal/
http://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/mla-8/container/

Examples from GCC Library Databases

Remember – the citations shown here are single-spaced to conserve space. Your actual Works Cited page should be **double-spaced**.

Journal Examples - Articles Reproduced in an Online Database

CQ Researcher

Clark, Charles A. "The FBI under Fire: How Serious Are the Bureau's Recent Problems?" *CQ Researcher*, vol. 7, no. 13, 11 Apr. 1997, pp. 313-66. *CQ Researcher Online*, library.cqpress.com/cqresearcher/cqresrre1997041100.

JSTOR

Tolson, Nancy. "Making Books Available: The Role of Early Libraries, Librarians, and Booksellers in the Promotion of African American Children's Literature." *African American Review,* vol. 32, no. 1, Spring, 1998, pp. 9-16. *JSTOR*, jstor.org/stable/3042263.

Journal Examples - Articles Published Originally in an Online Database

The examples below are from databases that publish original content, i.e. do not reproduce their content from a magazine, journal, or other source. Therefore, the database is the only container. Also, because this is original content, it is appropriate to list the publisher of the database *unless* the database name and publisher name are nearly identical. See page 42 of the *MLA Handbook 8th Ed.*

Global Road Warrior

Colgan, Alex. "Afghanistan." *Global Road Warrior*, World Trade Press, globalroadwarrior.com.libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/#mode=country&regionId=1&uri=country-content&nid=65&key=snapshot-overview.

Latino American Experience

Cadava, Geraldo L. "Arizona: Chicano Movement Era." *The Latin American Experience: The American Mosaic,* ABC-CLIO, latinoamerican2.abc-clio.com/Search/Display/1481645?terms=Arizona%3a+Chicano+Movement+Era.%E2%80%9D.

Book Chapters or Other Book Excerpts Reproduced in Online Databases

Citations of reprints from books/book portions in online databases should include publisher information. This information is skipped in citations for journals, magazines, or newspapers but not for books. See page 35 of the handbook.

<u>Credo</u>

Knight, Peter, editor. "Salem Witch Trials." *Conspiracy Theories in American History.* ABC-CLIO, 2003. *Credo,* 2016, libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http:// search.credoreference.com/content/entry/abcconspir/salem_witch_trials/0.

<u>Gale Virtual Reference Library</u>

Ball, Jane L. "Terry McMillan." *Critical Survey of Long Fiction: African American Culture*, edited by Carol Rollyson, Salem Press, 2012, pp. 134-139. *Gale Virtual Reference Library,*libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http://go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE% 7CCX4003400020&v=2.1&u=mcc_glendale&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w&asid=202a4d778d a4ff85e4018dde05e5dbfd.

"Winston Churchill." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, 2nd ed., vol. 4, Gale, 2004. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http://go.galegroup.com/ ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CCX3404701364&v=2.1&u=mcc_glendale&it=r&p=GVRL&sw=w &asid=0c557decf802e46ee901c4f3730b2b2a.

Electronic Books

If the eBook you accessed has a URL or DOI, include this information as a "location." For books lacking URLS—i.e. books read on devices requiring specific software—consider the eBook a "version" and be sure to name the version by specific type in your citation. See the MLA Style Center for more information: https://style.mla.org/2016/06/23/citing-an-e-book/

<u>Kindle eBook example</u>

MLA Handbook. 8th ed., Kindle ed., Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

<u>eBook example with URL- from ProQuest eBrary Database</u>

Rowe, David. *Sport, Culture and the Media: The Unruly Trinity*. 2nd ed., Open University Press, 2004. *ProQuest Ebrary*,site.ebrary.com/lib/gcclibrary/detail.action? docID=10175213&p00=sport%2C+culture+media%3A+unruly+trinity.

<u>EBSCOhost example</u>

Gombrowicz, Witold, and Danuta Borchardt. *Cosmos*. Yale UP, 2005, *EBSCOHost,* libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct= true&db=e000xna&AN=188140&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Newspapers from the GCC Library Databases

Arizona Republic

Brown, David M. "SRP Expo to Show How to Save Water." *Arizona Republic*, 04 Mar. 2016,
      p.Z.76. *ProQuest*, 09 Mar. 2016, http://libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=http://
      search.proquest.com/docview/1771327447?accountid=3139.

LexisNexis Academic

"Pasco Eye on Crime." *The Tampa Tribune*, Final Edition, 22 July 2004, sec. PASCO, p. 6.
      LexisNexis Academic. lexisnexis.com/lnacui2api/api/version1/ getDocCui?lni=4CXK-
      F2J0-TWMB-P2MX&csi=270944,270077,11059,8411&hl=t&hv=t&hnsd=f&hns=
      t&hgn=t&oc=00240&perma=true.

ProQuest National Newspapers

Clarity, James F. "Winnie Ruth Judd Free on Parole." *New York Times (1923-Current File)*
      30 Nov.1971, p. 53. *ProQuest Historical Newspapers,* libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/
      login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview/119139292?accountid=3139.

Clay, Thompson. "Winnie Ruth Judd, '31 'Trunk Murders' Captivated the State." *Arizona*
      Republic, 12 Nov. 2011, p.E.1. *ProQuest*, libproxy.gc.maricopa.edu/login?url=
      http://search.proquest.com/docview/923986686?accountid=3139.

Video & Film

In general, the citation for a film or video will depend upon what focus the student is giving to
the work. It is up to the student which roles to include and to highlight on the Works Cited entry.
See pages 24 and 43 of the *MLA Handbook, 8th Ed.* for more information and examples.
Remember, page 4 of the *MLA Handbook, 8th Ed.* tells us "there is often more than one correct
way to document a source."

DVD Examples:

Cameron, James, director. *Titanic.* Widescreen ed., Paramount Home Video, 1997.

Titanic. Directed by James Cameron, Widescreen ed., Paramount Home Video, 1997.

Titanic. Directed by James Cameron, performance by Kate Winslet, Widescreen ed., Paramount
      Home Video, 1997.

Winslet, Kate, performer. *Titanic*. Directed by James Cameron. Widescreen ed., Paramount
      Home Video, 1997.

TV Show Examples:

"Under the Gun." *Pretty Little Liars,* season 4, episode 6, ABC Family, 16 July 2013.

"Under the Gun." *Pretty Little Liars,* season 4, episode 6, ABC Family, 16 July 2013
     Hulu, www.hulu.com/watch/511318.

The second example shows that the program was accessed and contained in *Hulu*.

Like films, TV show entries might focus on a specific aspect of the television production: the performer, the director, etc.

Streaming Video Example

From GCC's Kanopy Database –

Author.	
Title of Source.	*Dogtooth* (title of film)
CONTAINER 1	
Title of Container,	The film is not "contained" except in the streaming video database – the database in this case is the secondary container.
Other Contributors,	Yorgos Lanthimos, director
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	Kino Lorber Edu,
Publication Date,	2009,
Location.	
CONTAINER 2	
Title of container,	*Kanopy* (this is the name of the database)
Other contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	
Publication Date,	
Location.	Permalink for Kanopy's version of the film

Dogtooth. Directed by Yorgos Lanthimos, Kino Lorber Edu, 2009, *Kanopy*,
     gccaz.kanopystreaming.com/video/dogtooth.

Youtube Example

Fifteen Really Unreal Animals Explained. Epic Wildlife, 06 July 2016, *Youtube,*
     youtu.be/eYjh182NlLQ.

Websites

Continue to use the MLA 8th Edition template to create a Works Cited entry for a website. Cite what is available and omit what is not available or not relevant. **Date of access** is an optional element (see p. 53 of handbook.) Because websites change frequently, the handbook recommends including the date of access as the last element in the Works Cited entry. Check with your instructor for his/her preference on including date of access.

General Website Examples

Author.	MacLaughlin, Nina.
Title of Source.	"The House That House of Sand and Fog Built."
Title of container,	*The Boston Phoenix,*
Other contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	Phoenix Media/Communications Group,
Publication date	25 Feb. 2011
Location.	http://thephoenix.com/boston/arts/116156-house-that-house-of-sand-and-fog-built.
Date of access.	22 July 2016.

MacLaughlin, Nina. "The House That House of Sand and Fog Built." *The Boston Phoenix*,
Phoenix Media/Communications Group, 25 Feb. 2011, thephoenix.com/boston/arts/
116156-house-that-house-of-sand-and-fog-built. Accessed 22 July 2016.

Author.	Stoppler, Melissa Conrad, MD. (omit the MD in the final citation according to the handbook)
Title of Source.	"Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), More Common Than You Think."
Title of container,	MedicineNet.com
Other contributors,	Barbara K. Hecht, Medical Editor
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	Medicine Net, Inc. (since publisher is nearly same as title omit this in your citation, as per page 42 of handbook.)
Publication date	01 Dec. 2014
Location.	http://www.medicinenet.com/ocd_more_common_than_you_think/views.htm

Stoppler, Melissa Conrad. "Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) More Common Than
You Think." *MedicineNet.com*, edited by Barbara K. Hecht, 01 Dec. 2014, medicinenet.
com/ocd_more_common_than_you_think/views.htm. Accessed 22 July 2016.

Example: Website article with no author, no publication date given:

Author.	None given
Title of Source.	"What Are Common Causes of Knuckle Swelling?"
Title of container,	*wiseGeek* (Handbook says to standardize form)
Other contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	Conjecture Corporation
Publication date	None given
Location.	http://www.wisegeek.org/what-are-common-causes-of-knuckle-swelling.htm

"What Are Common Causes of Knuckle Swelling?" Wise Geek, Conjecture Corporation,
      wisegeek.org/what-are-common-causes-of-knuckle-swelling.htm. Accessed
      22 July 2016.

Twitter Examples

When citing tweets, use the Twitter author's handle, starting with the @ symbol for "author."
(Ignore the @ symbol when putting your Works Cited page in alphabetical order.) Because
tweets are so short, use the full text of the tweet for "title." The full tweet should be enclosed in
quotation marks. (See page 29 of the handbook.)

@joe_hill. "Come see @KatWithSword, @paulGtremblay, Thomas Olde Heuvelt, Josh
      Malerman & yers truly on July 11th." *Twitter*, 02 Jul. 2016, 8:34 a.m.,
      twitter.com/joe_hill.

@stephenking. "I just read a charming children's book called CHARLIE THE CHOO-CHOO.
      You should buy 2 copies! Perhaps 5! Only wish I had written it!" *Twitter,* 26 Nov. 2016,
      4:17 p.m., twitter.com/StephenKing.

Blog Post Examples

Follow the template, using the title of the blog post as the "source" and the title of the blog as the
primary "container."

Hollmichel, Stephanie. "Reading on Screens." *So Many Books*, 12 Jul. 2015,
      somanybooksblog.com/2015/07/15/reading-on-screens/.

Nichols, Amy K. "How Levaquin Tried to Kill Me, but I Fought Back." *Amy Writes,* 29 Nov.
      2016, amyknichols.wordpress.com

Practice filling out the template to create your Works Cited entry. Refer to the *MLA Handbook, 8th Edition* for specifics on punctuation, date formats, and more customized instruction.

Author.	
Title of Source.	
CONTAINER 1	
Title of Container,	
Other Contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	
Publication Date,	
Location.	
CONTAINER 2	
Title of container,	
Other contributors,	
Version,	
Number,	
Publisher,	
Publication Date,	
Location.	
Date of access. (Optional)	

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                        http://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/mla-8/container/

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