Author Formats- for all source types:

One Author: Last name, First name.

Gleick, James

Two Authors: Last name, first name; and first name last name.

Gillespie, Paula, and Neal Lerner.

Three or more Authors

Use only the first author and et al.

Smith, Paul, et al.

Editors – same format as authors – add editor or editors after the names

Peterson, Nancy J., editor.

Hill, Charles A., and Marguerite Helmers, editors.

No Author or Editor – begin with the title.

**Titles:**

In titles of works, **all words are capitalized except articles (a, an, the), prepositions (to, from, between, and so on), coordinating conjunctions (and, but, or, nor, for, so, yet), and infinitives — unless they are the first or last word of the title or subtitle.**

Titles of periodical articles, book chapters, and other short works, such as brief documents from Web sites, are put in quotation marks; titles of books and other long works, such as entire Web sites, are italicized.


**Basic Book Format**

The author’s name or a book with a single author's name appears in last name, first name format. The basic form for a book citation is:

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

Quick Guide for MLA Style (8th ed.) For Common Library Sources.

Library Databases Examples:

**Journal:**

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol.#, no.#, Year, pp. *Name of the Database*, DOI. - If no DOI, it is up to the instructor if you should include the article’s permalink or database URL. -- see MLA 8 Handbook – page 48.


**Magazine:**

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, Day Month Year, pp. *Name of Database*, DOI or permalink.


**Newspaper:**

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Newspaper*, Day Month Year, edition, pp. *Name of Database*, permalink or you can add the URL of the database if your instructor requires it.

*No Edition Listed:*


*Edition Listed:*

Gale Virtual Reference Library:  

**Specialized Reference Books:**
Lastname, First name. "Title of Chapter or Section." *Title of the Book, edited by, Editor's Name(s).* edition
(if available), vol.#, Publisher, Year, Pages. *Name of Database, DOI.* - If no DOI, it is up to the
instructor if you should include the article’s permalink or database URL. -- see *MLA 8 Handbook* – page 48.


Reference Book with No Editor:


Other Online Database Reference Sources

Dictionary Entry


Encyclopedia Entry

Web Sites

- Author and/or editor names (if available)
- Article name in quotation marks.
- Title of the website, project, or book in italics.
- Any version numbers available, including editions (ed.), revisions, posting dates, volumes (vol.), or issue numbers (no.).
- Publisher information, including the publisher name and publishing date.
- Take note of any page numbers (p. or pp.) or paragraph numbers (par. or pars.).
- Date you accessed the material is required if there is no posting date. It is optional to include the date accessed if there is a posting date.
- URL (without the https://) DOI or permalink.

A Page on a Web Site

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites. If the publisher is the same as the website name, only list it once.


Course or Department Websites

Give the instructor name. Then list the title of the course (or the school catalog designation for the course) in italics. Give appropriate department and school names as well, following the course title.

English Department. Purdue U, 20 Apr. 2009, www.cla.purdue.edu/english/. Felluga,

An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)

Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, and the date of access.


*If the work is cited on the web only, then provide the name of the artist, the title of the work, and then follow the citation format for a website. If the work is posted via a username, use that username for the author.*


This List is Not Complete! For Information on Citing Print and Other Sources not Covered Here: Consult the *MLA Handbook* or the online MLA Style guides available from the Library Web Page and LibGuides.