

## MLA Citation Template 9<sup>th</sup> Edition

\*The examples on this template represent common source types. Variations are possible. Always consult the *MLA Handbook* (sections and page numbers included) or *MLA Handbook Plus* (available through Destiny Discover) to verify your citations. Ask your teachers what supplemental elements they expect you to include.

### Core element 1: author

Author's last name

\*Only put the editor's name here if citing an edited volume of essays as a whole.

5.3-5.22 pp. 107-21 of *MLA Handbook*

Author's first name

### Core element 2: title of source

This element is usually in quotation marks. If you are citing an entire book, put the book title here in italics and skip the next element.

- "Macbeth: Stage History." (entry in a reference book)
- *So Many Books.* (website)
- "Pretty Hurts." (song)
- "Race, Gender, and the Nation in *The Color Purple.*" (article title or work in an anthology)
- "10 Deadliest Fashion Trends in History." (YouTube video)
- "Re: Interview Questions." (email)
- *A Short History of World War I.* (book - if citing the entire book)

5.23-5.30, pp. 121-34 of *MLA Handbook*

**Note that some supplemental elements (contributors, original publication date) immediately follow this element. See section 5.105, pp. 208-10 of *MLA Handbook* for details.**

### Core element 3: title of container

This element is usually the title of a book, newspaper, journal, magazine or website and should be italicized.

5.31-5.37, pp. 134-45 of *MLA Handbook*

### Core element 4: other contributors

This is typically the editor but could also be the person who wrote an introduction or a translator.

- **e(E)dited by...** based on the punctuation (either a period or comma) of your previous element

5.38-5.47, pp. 145-54 of *MLA Handbook*

### Core element 5: version

- 7<sup>th</sup> ed.,
- unabridged version,
- e-book, (for stand-alone eBooks)

5.48-5.50, pp. 154-58 of *MLA Handbook* or <https://style.mla.org/2016/06/23/citing-an-e-book/>

\*See section 5.112 of the *MLA Handbook* to see how to cite eBooks that are accessed as a part of an online database of eBooks such as Gale Virtual Reference Library, Infobase, etc.

### Core element 6: number

- **v(V)ol...** based on the punctuation (either a period or comma) of your previous element
- vol. 3,
- Vol. 5,

5.51-5.53, pp. 158-64 of *MLA Handbook*

### Core element 7: publisher

- Oxford UP
- Penguin Press
- Twentieth Century Fox (organization responsible for film/television program/song)
- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh (organization responsible for publishing website)

5.54-5.67, pp. 164-73 of *MLA Handbook*

### Core element 8: publication date

If you are citing an entire book and this is your last element, end with a period.

- 2013, (book)
- 28 Jan. 2015, (article or YouTube video)
- Jan.-Feb. 2018, (magazine)
- Spring 2019, (journal)

5.68-5.83, pp. 173-87 of *MLA Handbook*

### Core element 9: location

In print sources a page number or range of page numbers specifies the location of a text in a container such as a book anthology or a periodical. The location of an online work is commonly indicated by its URL.

- p. 501,
- pp. 13-19,
- <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>

5.84-5.99, pp. 187-197 of *MLA Handbook*

**Core element 3 for Container 2:  
Title of Container 2**

If there is a container 2, it usually is a database, online collection of eBooks or a network service (Google Books, Netflix, Hulu) and should be italicized. It may also be a book, such as a textbook.

- *Bloom's Literature*
- *Opposing Viewpoints*
- *A Selected Edition of W. D. Howells (book)*

5.31-5.37, p. 134-145 of *MLA Handbook*

**Core elements 4-8 for Container 2: see descriptions above**

In most cases, these are not needed for databases. Skip them as needed.

**Core element 9: location**

The location of an online work is commonly indicated by its URL but may also be indicated by a DOI (digital object identifier) or other number.

- <http://link.gale.com/apps/doc/H1420047284/GLS?u-avlr&sid=GLS&xid=646b6621>.
- doi:10.1353/pmc.2000.0021.

5.85-5.99, pp. 187-97 of *MLA Handbook*

**Supplemental Element: Date of Access and Others**

MBHS English teachers may require you to include your date of access, publication history, series title, and more.

- Accessed 23 October 2019.
- Originally published in *Diacritics*, 1982

5.110, p. 211 of *MLA Handbook*

\*For citation examples and more please visit *MLA Handbook Plus*, available through *Destiny Discover* under *Learning Resources*.