Documenting Your Research Using MLA Style (8th ed.)

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1. **BOOKS**

   ➢ **A Book with One Author**

   **Basic format:**

   Author’s Last name, First name. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, Date of publication.

   **Example:**


   ➢ **A Book with Two or More Authors**

   **Note:** For two authors, only reverse the first author’s name; for three or more authors, follow the first author with a comma and *et al.*

   **Basic format:**

   Author's Last name, First name, and Second Author’s First name Last name *Title of the Book*. Publisher, Date of publication.

   **Example 1:**


   **Example 2:**

An Electronic Books from El Camino College Compton Center Library Database

Note: Only include full URL if Professor requires. Do not include http://

Basic Format:
Author’s Last name, First name. Title of the Book. Publisher, Date of publication.

Name of Database, DOI or stable URL if provided.

Example:

An Electronic Book from the Web

Basic format:
Author’s Last name, First name. Title of the Book. Title of the website. Publisher, Date of publication, Web address. (do not include http)

Example:

An Article in a Familiar Reference Book

Basic format:
Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” Title of Reference Book. Edition. Date of Publication, Page number(s).

Example:
An Article in a Less Familiar Reference Book

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Title of Reference Book*, edited by Editor’s name(s), Volume number, Publisher, Date of publication, Page number(s).

**Example:**


An Article in an Anthology

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor's Name(s). Publisher, Date of publication, Page number(s).

**Example:**


2. **PERIODICALS**

A Print Scholarly Journal Article

**Basic format:**

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Journal Title*, Volume Number, Issue Number, Date of publication, Page number(s).

**Example:**

A Scholarly Journal Article from a Database

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

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.

Example 1:


Example 2:


A Print Magazine Article

Basic format:

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” Magazine Title, Volume number, Issue number, Day Month Year, Page Number(s).

Example 1:


Example 2:

A Magazine Article from a Database

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

**Basic Format:**
Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of Article.” *Name of Magazine*, Volume number, Issue number, Date of publication, Page number(s). *Name of Database*, DOI or stable URL if provided.

**Example:**

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An Article from an Online Periodical (not from a database)

**Basic format:**
Author’s Last name, First name. “Article name.” *Title of web magazine*, Publisher, Volume number, Issue number, Date of Publication, Page number(s) if provided, Web address.

**Example:**

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3. **OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES**

A Web Site or Page

**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, teenie.cmoa.org/interactive/index.html#date08.
➢ A YouTube Video

Basic format:

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

Example:

McGonigal, Jane. “Gaming and Productivity.” *YouTube*, 3 July 2012,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E.

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