MLA QUICK-REFERENCE STYLE GUIDE
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CORE ELEMENTS
The basic elements of an MLA citation are the same regardless of the type of material being cited. Omit elements that do not apply to your source; see links above for guidance on identifying and formatting specific elements.

Author. Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location. [Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.]

WORKS CITED EXAMPLES: BOOKS

BOOK BY A SINGLE AUTHOR

BOOK BY TWO AUTHORS

BOOK BY THREE OR MORE AUTHORS

BOOK IN A SERIES (e.g., Commentary Set)

ARTICLE IN A REFERENCE BOOK (PRINT OR ELECTRONIC)


WORK IN AN ANTHOLOGY/EDITED VOLUME

EBOOK, FROM A WEB-BASED COLLECTION

EBOOK, DOWNLOADED TO ELECTRONIC DEVICE
PERIODICAL ARTICLES

ARTICLE IN A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

ARTICLE IN A MAGAZINE

ARTICLE IN A JOURNAL DATABASE


ARTICLE IN AN ONLINE SCHOLARLY JOURNAL

WEB-BASED CONTENT

“India.” U.S. Passports & International Travel, Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State, 24 Apr. 2015, travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/india.html


"Ukulele Weeps by Jake Shimabukuro." YouTube, uploaded by cromulantman, 22 Apr. 2006, www.youtube.com/watch?v=puSkP3uym5k

IN-TEXT CITATION EXAMPLES
1. Author’s name and pages in parentheses:
   1 author: (Lennon 358)   2 authors: (Dorris and Erdich 23)   3+ authors: (Burdick et al. 42)

2. Author’s name in text, pages in parentheses:
   Zender argues that Romeo and Juliet’s language becomes “fully responsive to the tang of actuality” (141)

3. Citing a work listed by title only (author not stated; source lacks page numbers):
   The nine grades of mandarins were “distinguished by the color of the button on the hats of office” (“Mandarin”).

For help with more complex citation situations (e.g., multiple works by the same author, multivolume works), see p. 116-127 of the MLA Handbook, 8th ed. or https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_in_text_citations_the basics.html

In-text citation examples are from the MLA Handbook, 7th and 8th eds.