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Quick Guide for Citing Resources—MLA Style

MLA format does not consider publication format but instead uses these core elements in a specific order. If a publication/item is missing one of the major elements, skip it without any placeholder.

These major elements should be included in the citation:
1. Author.
2. Title of Source.
3. Title of Container,
4. Other Contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication Date,
9. Location,
10. Pages.

Sometimes elements 3-9 repeat again. An example would be a journal article in a database.

Note the punctuation after each. element.

Permalink: Online newspapers, magazines, and database articles sometimes include a "permalink," which is a shortened, stable version of a URL. Look for a "share" or "cite this" button to see if a source includes a permalink. If you can find a permalink, use that instead of a URL. If there is none, use the url instead.

URL: do not include the http://

www.foodallergymama.com/
2014/08/21/square-one/

DOI: If a source indicates a DOI, include it instead of a url.

doi: 10.1002/tox.20155

Book (one author)
Author's last name, first name. *Title.* Publisher, copyright date.
Paterson, Henry. *Engineering: What We Can Learn from our Failures.* Harcourt, 1985.

Book (two authors)
Leakey, Mary D., and Louis S.B. Leakey. *Some String Figures from North East Angola.* Museum Press, 1949.

Book (three or more authors)
Burger, Carol J., et al. *Reconfiguring the Firewall.* Peterson, 2007.

Edited Book with Different Authors for Each Chapter
Author of article. "Title of Chapter." *Name of Book,* Edited by Editor's Name, Publisher, Year, Page numbers.

Irani, Sarah. "Fast Food is Unhealthy." *Fast Food,* Edited by Lauri S. Friedman, Greenhaven, 2010, pp. 12-18.

Encyclopedia Article
"Name of article looked up." *Encyclopedia,* Edition. Copyright year, pages.

"Magna Carta." *The New Encyclopedia Britannica,* 15th edition, 1998, pp. 13-20.

Newspaper or Magazine Article
Author's last name, first name. "Article Title." *Magazine,* day month year, pages.

Cook, Mariana. "Cousin Kay." *Victoria,* Nov. 2001, pp. 27-28.

Articles in Data Bases
Author. "Article Title." *Original Source of the Article,* Volume, Number, Year, Pages. *Database Name,* Permalink.

Smith, Gary. "Onward to the Top." *Successful Business*, vol. 24, no. 7, 2015, pp. 204-210. *Academic Search Premier,* permalink.
Brown, Brian A. "Cloning: Where's the Outrage?" *Human Life Review*, vol. 24, no. 2, Spring 1998, pp. 107-108. *Academic Search Premier*, db29.linccweb.org/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/ login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=646243&site=ehost-live.

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Author. "Page Title." *Title of Website,* date of publication, url.

Chu, Will. "Children with Food Allergies Might be More Vulnerable to Asthma, Study Finds." *Food Navigator,* 2016, www.foodnavigator.com/Science/Children-with-food-allergies-might-be-vulnerable-to-asthma-study-finds.

Rudnicki, Kelly. "Square One." Food Allergy Mama Inc., 3 July 2016, www.foodallergymama.com/2014/08/21/square-one/.

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