

MLA Handbook 8th ed.

What's New?

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Move from Fixed Rules to a Set of Guidelines

- Guidelines can apply to any source
- Tools are used to “intuitively document sources”
- Rules for [formatting a research paper](#) are the same as those used in the 7th ed.
- There is no longer necessarily one “right” way to cite a source
- Students are encouraged to look in unexpected or nontraditional places for their source material

The MLA Style Center

- Three sample research papers in MLA Style
- Practice template and examples of core elements:
Works Cited: A Quick Guide
- FAQ section: Ask the MLA

MLA Practice Template

1	Author.
2	Title of source.
CONTAINER 1	
3	Title of container,
4	Other contributors,
5	Version,
6	Number,
7	Publisher,
8	Publication date,
9	Location.
CONTAINER 2	
3	Title of container,
4	Other contributors,
5	Version,
6	Number,
7	Publisher,
8	Publication date,
9	Location.

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**BASIC
CITATION**

**Who
What
Where
When**

A Few Changes (there are more)

- If a source has three or more authors, only the first is listed, followed by et al.
- Pages are listed as p. or pp., but not in-text citations
- City of publication is no longer listed unless there is a special situation
- Periodicals are now identified with "vol. 35, no. 3" instead of "35.3."
- Include the full date information (month, day, or season) along with the year
- URLs are included without http:// or https:// and no angle brackets are used
- The use of DOIs are encouraged
- Placeholders such as n.d. (no date) are no longer used.

More Changes

- Include the name of multiple publishing companies if they are distinctive and not a division within a company. For example, U of North Carolina P / Yale UP.
- If division and parent publishing company names are listed, use the division name.
- Write out the some words that were previously abbreviated: translators, editors, directors, creators, performers, etc.

Some Things Don't Change

- UP for University Press (Ex. U of Chicago P, Wake Forest UP) (1.6.3)
- Omit business words in publishers names like Company, Corporation, Incorporated, and Limited.
- ed. for editions, (2nd ed, revised ed., etc.)
- Capitalization of titles and subtitles are standardized (sec. 1.2.1 and sec. 1.2.2)

Optional Elements

- Total number of volumes in a multivolume source
- Name of series
- Unexpected type of work (transcript, address, etc.)
- Information about the prior publication if previously published
- Date of access
- If creating a hanging indent is difficult (such as when creating web pages), leave extra space between entries to serve the same purpose

What's the difference?

8th ed.

Lubin, David M. *Grand Illusions: American Art and the First World War.*

Oxford UP, 2016.

7th ed.

Lubin, David M. *Grand Illusions: American Art and the First World War.*

New York: Oxford UP, 2016. Print.

MLA 8th ed. Three or more editors.

Krautter, Mary, et al., editors. *The Entrepreneurial Librarian: Essays on the Infusion of Private-Business Dynamism into Professional Service*. McFarland, 2012.

MLA 7th ed.

Krautter, Mary, Mary Beth Lock, and Mary G. Scanlon, eds. *The Entrepreneurial Librarian: Essays on the Infusion of Private-Business Dynamism into Professional Service*. Jefferson: McFarland, 2012. Print.

8th ed. Electronic Book (Database)

Young, Tom, editor. *Readings in the International Relations of Africa*. Indiana UP, 2016. *Ebook Library*, wfu.ebib.com/patron/FullRecord.aspx?p=4334721.

8th ed. Electronic Book (Kindle)

Conroy, Pat. *The Death of Santini: The Story of a Father and His Son*. Kindle ed., Doubleday, 2013.

7th ed. Electronic Book (Database)

Young, Tom, ed. *Readings in the International Relations of Africa*. Bloomington: Indiana UP, 2016. *Ebook Library*. Web. 18 Aug. 2016.

8th ed. Corporate Author (When Publisher and Author Are the Same)

MLA Handbook. 8th ed., Modern Language Association of America,
2016.

7th ed.

Modern Language Association of America. *MLA Handbook*. 8th ed.

New York: MLA, 2016. Print.

MLA 8th ed. Scholarly Journal Article


Nyer, Maren, et al. "Relationship between Sleep Disturbance and Depression, Anxiety, and Functioning in College Students."
Depression and Anxiety, vol. 30, no. 9, Sept. 2013, pp. 873-80.
Wiley Online Library, doi: 10.1002/da.22064.

7th ed.

Nyer, Maren, et al. "Relationship between Sleep Disturbance and Depression, Anxiety, and Functioning in College Students."
Depression and Anxiety 30.9 (2013): 873-80. *Wiley Online Library*. Web. 25 Aug. 2016.

8th ed. Twitter

When a pseudonym is used, if you know the real name of an author, you may add it in a parenthesis.



@abanasfoster (Amanda Foster). “Learning all about nested containers in the new MLA 8th edition. Loving the ‘Practice template’ in the back - #mla8th.” *Twitter*, 9 June 2016, 11:24

a.m., twitter.com/abanasfoster/status/740927611904397313.

8th ed. Facebook

Trump, Donald J. “Based on the incredibly inaccurate coverage and reporting of the record setting Trump campaign, we are hereby revoking the press credentials of the phony and dishonest Washington Post.” *Facebook*, 13 June 2016, 4:37 p.m., www.facebook.com/DonaldTrump/?rf=11248937876520.

8th ed. Email

Hatch, Nathan O. "A Message from President Hatch." Received by
Joy M. Gambill, 11 June 2016.

7th ed. Email

Hatch, Nathan O. "A Message from President Hatch." Message to Joy
M. Gambill. 11 June 2016. E-mail.

8th ed. Film (Begin with an individual's contribution, or the title)

The Shawshank Redemption. Castle Rock Entertainment, 1994.

Darabont, Frank, director. *The Shawshank Redemption*. Performances

by Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, Castle Rock

Entertainment, 1994. *Netflix*, [dvd.Netflix.com/Movie/The-](https://www.netflix.com/Movie/The-Shawshank-Redemption/70005379)

[Shawshank-Redemption/70005379](https://www.netflix.com/Movie/The-Shawshank-Redemption/70005379).

8th ed. Government Document from a Web site

“Natural Gas Extraction: Hydraulic Fracturing.” *Environmental Protection Agency*, 16 Aug. 2016, www.epa.gov/hydraulicfracturing.

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United States. Environmental Protection Agency. “Natural Gas Extraction: Hydraulic Fracturing.” *Environmental Protection Agency*.

Environmental Protection Agency, 16 Aug. 2016. Web. 25 Aug. 2016.

8th ed. Web site when site name does not reflect the publisher's name

Asimov, Nanett. "Almost 1 in 5 UC Students Goes Hungry, Survey

Finds." *SF Gate*, Hearst Communications, 11 July 2016,

www.sfgate.com/education/article/Nearly-1-in-5-UC-students-goes-hungry-survey-8352973.php.

Any questions?