

This guide shares MLA citation examples for frequently-used CCC Library resources. The *MLA Handbook* 8th ed. requires you to identify a "universal set" of elements in each type of source and create your citation accordingly. These elements are listed below, and as many of them as possible should be included in ALL source citations.

1. Author.
2. Title of Source.
3. Title of Container,
4. Other Contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

If one of the elements is not available for your information type, skip it. Also, some citations will require you to repeat elements 3-9. For example, a magazine article in a library database, like JSTOR, has two containers: the magazine is the first container (steps 3-9) and the database is the second container (repeat steps 3-9).

For more help, check out the *MLA Handbook* (PN203 .G53 2016) and the *MLA 8th Practice Template* (available at the CCC Library Reference Desk and online at bit.ly/mla8-template).

Book, single author	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel. <i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> . Vintage, 1988.
eBook, two authors	Grogan, John and Lauren Hill. <i>Bad Dogs Have More Fun: Selected Writings on Family, Animals, and Life</i> . Vanguard Press, 2008. <i>eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)</i> , www.ebscohost.com/ebooks . <i>Note: When including a URL, omit the http:// and https://</i>
Book, three or more authors	Reif, Jonas, et al. <i>Cultivating Chaos: How to Enrich Landscapes with Self-Seeding Plants</i> . Christian Kress, 2015.
Chapter or essay within a book	Kincaid, Jamaica. "Girl." <i>The Vintage Book of Contemporary American Short Stories</i> , edited by Tobias Wolff, Vintage, 1994, pp. 306-07.
eBook, later edition	Garrett, Geoff, and Graeme Davies. <i>Herding Professional Cats</i> . 7th ed., Triarchy Press, 2013. <i>ProQuest Ebook Central</i> , ebookcentral.proquest.com.library.clackamas.edu/lib/clackamas/detail.action?docID=3440620 . <i>Note: When including a URL, omit the http:// and https://</i>

Article in an online database – DOI number	Winham, Donna M. and Andrea M. Hutchins. "Perceptions of Flatulence from Bean Consumption among Adults in 3 Feeding Studies." <i>Nutrition Journal</i> , vol. 10, no. 1, 2011, pp. 128-136. <i>Academic Search Premier</i> , doi:10.1186/1475-2891.
Article in an online database – URL	Conrad, Nick. "Sasquatch Does Las Vegas." <i>The Chariton Review</i> , vol. 33, no. 2, 2010, p. 51. <i>Academic OneFile</i> , go.galegroup.com.
Article in print journal	Hannah, Daniel K. "The Private Life, the Public Stage: Henry James in Recent Fiction." <i>Journal of Modern Literature</i> , vol. 30, no. 3, 2007, pp. 70-94.
Single webpage on a website	Spartanburg Community College Library. <i>MLA 8th edition – Works Cited Guide</i> . Aug. 16, 2016, library.sccsc.edu/citations/MLA8-WorksCitedGuide.pdf.
Website (entire site)	Farkas, Meredith. <i>Information Wants to Be Free</i> . Jun. 2015, meredith.wolfwater.com.
Streaming video	"Bill Nye vs. Ken Ham: Behind the Scenes of the Great Creation Debate." <i>Films on Demand</i> , Films Media Group, 2014, http://0-fod.infobase.com.library.clackamas.edu/portalplaylists.aspx?wid=153020&xtid=57406 .

DOI Numbers and Permanent URLs

MLA 8 requires you to include DOI numbers for information sources as a “9. Location” element. DOI stands for digital object identifier. The purpose of a DOI number is to make items more easily retrievable. DOIs are typically assigned to scholarly journal articles, though assigning them is optional so they are not always available. DOI numbers typically look like: 10.1186/s13028

If you cannot find a DOI number, then include a permanent URL to the item. Permanent URL links – also called persistent links or stable URLs - are available in every item’s individual database record. **They are not the URLs in the address bar at the top of the webpage.**

 Confused? Ask a librarian for help finding DOI numbers and permanent/stable URL links.

In-text Citations

In addition to a Works Cited page, you must also indicate which resource you used within the text of your paper. Make sure all of the resources you quote in-text are included on your Works Cited page. If they aren’t quoted, they shouldn’t be listed on your Works Cited page. Below are several examples of how to cite a source in-text - check out the *MLA Handbook* for more options.

- In-text citations go inside the period at the end of the sentence (Kent 82).
- If there are more than two authors, you don’t have to include them all (Lane, et al. 245).
- Clark Kent says that if you use the author’s name within sentence you only need to include the page number in your parenthetical citation at end of the sentence (22).
- If there is no author, use the title of the work instead of the author (“MLA Superheroes” 22).
- If you are using an entire work or if the item has no page numbers – such as a webpage – use the author’s name or title of the item as your in-text citation (“MLA Superheroes”).