

MLA Format 8th Edition Brief Description

Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. "Title of Source: Smaller Part of Larger Whole." *Title of Container: Larger Whole*, edited by First Name Last Name, et.al, version, numbers, publisher, date of publication, pp. location page numbers.

Core Elements	Punctuation & Format	Examples
Author.	1 author-- Last Name, First Name. (Period) 2 authors-- Last Name, First Name and First Name Last Name. (Period) 3 authors – Last Name, First Name, et al. (Period)	Crowell, Maddy. Maier, Jessica and Christy Bryan. Matchie, Thomas, et al.
"Title of source."	Smaller part of larger whole--use Quotes and . (Period) Complete work/whole --use italics and . (Period) Capitalize Nouns, Verbs, Adjective/Adverbs Include subtitle.	"Food and Health of a Full Earth." <i>Daedalus, Bless Me Ultima</i> . "Social and Historical Context: Vitality." <i>Arapesh Grammar and Digital Language Archive Project</i> .
Container title,	<i>Italics</i> and , (Comma) Capitalize Nouns, Verbs, Adjective/Adverbs	"Law versus Love in <i>The Round House</i> ." <i>Midwest Quarterly</i> ,
Other contributors,	Pattern: [Role] by First Name Last Name, (Comma) Use et al. for more than 3 contributors to some role. Common roles include: adapted by, directed by, edited by, illustrated by, instruction by, narrated by, performance by, and translated by Multiple roles can occur in a single source. End punctuation is a comma	translated by Arthur Goldhammer, edited by Ben Marcus, Edited by Ben Marcus, Illustrated by James Lee, ****see Capitalization Rule below****
Versions,	Notation as it appears indicating version. Edition is abbreviated as ed. End punctuation is a comma.	Updated ed., unabridged ed., 3.1.2, ****see Capitalization Rule below****
Numbers,	Use vol. and no. to indicate number set or issue of journal as indicated on the piece. TV shows may use season and episode. End punctuation is a comma.	vol. 27, no. 5, no. 6, Vol. 4, season 8, episode 2, ****see Capitalization Rule below****
Publisher,	Name of organization—do not include place. Website—do not include if it is the same as the title. Databases (Academic Search Complete, YouTube) is a container – not a publisher. Most journals do not have publishers. End punctuation is a comma.	Harper/Collins, Pearson,
Publication Date,	Most recent copyright date for printed materials Date magazine or journal is published Some sources may have more than one date. End punctuation is a comma.	2016, Winter 2012,
Location.	Single page number (p.) or multiple page number (pp. 100-10). DOI for online journal articles if available/alternative is "stable URL." URL for webpages. Location of an object or performance. End punctuation is a period.	pp. 87+. p. 6 p. 224-6.

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Not all sources have all elements.

Capitalization Rule: Capitalize first word for Other Contributor, Version, and Number element if previous element punctuation is a period.