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.

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| **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.” Daedalus, Bless Me Ultima.  
| **Container title.** | Italics and , (Comma)  
Capitalize Nouns, Verbs, Adjective/Adverbs | “Law versus Love in The Round House.” Midwest Quarterly, |
| **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. |

Check with instructor to see if he/she wants to use place of publication or date of access as an optional element. 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.