

MLA8 BIBLIOGRAPHY STYLE SHEET

What is MLA8?

MLA stands for 'Modern Languages Association' and it is used in academic papers to acknowledge the research sources used. The '8' means that this is the 8th version of this citation style.

These are the Core Elements of MLA8

The elements appear in the same order as above, and contain the same punctuation as noted.

1. Authors.
2. Title of the source.
3. *Title of container,*
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Numbers,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

What is a 'Container'?

Containers are elements that 'hold' the source. For example, if you are creating a citation for an article from World Book Encyclopedia, World Book Encyclopedia is the container. Both the title of the source and the container are included in a citation. Containers are in italics.

How to Cite...

Two Authors:

Las Name, First Name and First Name, Last Name
Example – Bonn, Melissa, and Manju Binning

Three Authors or More:

Last Name, First Name, et al.
Example – Bonn, Melissa, et al.
*‘et al’ means and others

Works by Individuals Other Than Author:

Last Name, First Name, title.
Example – Rollins, Rosemary, editor.
Example 2 - Binning, Manju, translator

Things To Know...

Spacing: The bibliography should be double spaced with a hanging indent set at ½ inch.

Page Numbers: Page numbers are not needed for books, unless the citation is for an essay or chapter in an anthology.

URLs: Include URLs for online sources but omit "http://" or "https://"

Sample MLA8 Bibliography¹

The heading/title of your bibliography should be 'Works Cited' and be centered.

Works Cited

Movie Citation

An Inconvenient Truth. Directed by Davis Guggenheim, performances by Al Gore and Billy West, Paramount, 2006.

Newspaper Article

Dean, Cornelia. "Executive on a Mission: Saving the Planet." *The New York Times*, 22 May 2007, www.nytimes.com/2007/05/22/science/earth/22ander.html?_r=0. Accessed 12 May 2016.

Academic Journal

Gowdy, John. "Avoiding Self-organized Extinction: Toward a Co-evolutionary Economics of Sustainability." *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2007, pp. 27-36.

Blog Post

Regas, Diane. "Three Key Energy Policies That Can Help Us Turn the Corner on Climate." *Environmental Defense Fund*, 1 June 2016, www.edf.org/blog/2016/06/01/3-key-energy-policies-can-help-us-turn-corner-climate. Accessed 19 July 2016.

Website

"Making a Difference." Global Climate Change, NASA, n.d., <https://climate.nasa.gov/making-a-difference/>

Remember to set the hanging indent to 1.2 inches!

'n.d.' (short for 'no date') means the date this page was published is not available

¹ Sample adapted from Purdue Writing Lab (available online at https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_sample_works_cited_page.html)