QUICK GUIDE TO MLA STYLE, 8TH EDITION

The eighth edition of the MLA Handbook introduces a new model for entries in the works-cited list that doesn’t rely on format, but rather core elements that are cited regardless of format. The core elements are cited in the order listed below. Not all elements are cited for every source. For example, a website may not have an author or a book might not have a version.

A container is the larger work that contains the source. For articles, it is the title of the journal, magazine, or newspaper. For book chapters, it is the title of the book. The database where you find an article is a second container.

Title of source refers to an article title, a book chapter title, a video title, etc.

Other contributors usually refers to editors.

Version refers to the edition or version of a work.

Number usually refers to the volume and issue number of a journal.

Location refers to page numbers or a DOI or URL.

Examples

Part of a Book

Whole Book

Scholarly Article

Website (No author)

Newspaper Article

For more information, check out the MLA website: https://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/