Citing Sources Using MLA 8th Edition

This guide provides an overview for how to cite the most commonly used types of sources. For more detailed information you may want to consult the resources listed below:

- How to Cite Sources: http://usi.libguides.com/citingsources
- Purdue OWL MLA Formatting and Style Guide: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

**Note:** To conserve space we have single spaced some of the citation examples in this guide, remember to double space all citations when creating your Works Cited.

**Basic format for citing a print book:**

Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, date of publication.

A book with one author:


A book with two authors:


A book with three or more authors:


A book with an editor:


**Basic format for citing an electronic book:**

Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, date of publication. *Name of Database*, doi/URL.

DOI, or doi, means Digital Object Identifier, a unique code assigned to an article, similar to an ISBN number assigned to a book.

Examples of DOI and URL citations:

Collings, David A. *Stolen Future, Broken Present: The Human Significance of Climate Change*. Open Humanities Press, 2014. doi: dx.doi.org/10.3998/ohp.12832550.0001.001. [Note: This is an open source book, so no database name needed.]


**An article in a print daily (or weekly) newspaper:**

Author. “Article Title.” Newspaper Title, date, page numbers.


**An article from a print popular magazine:**

Author. “Article Title.” *Magazine Title*, date, page numbers.

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An article from the print edition of a scholarly journal:

Author. “Article Title.” Journal Title, volume, number, date, page numbers.


An article from a Library database:

Follow the basic formats for the print version, but add to the end of the citation the following - Name of database, doi/URL.
The DOI is preferred, but if one is not available you may use a permalink to the article. If a permalink is not available, use the basic URL of the database.

Below are examples of all three options - DOI, article permalink, and database URL.


Basic format for citing a web resource:

Author. “Title of Short Work.” Title of Site, Publisher or Sponsor of Site (if different than Title of Site), date of publication or most recent update, URL. Accessed date, if no date is listed on the website.


An online video clip:

Creator. “Title of the film or video.” Title of the Website, role of contributors and their Firstname Lastname, Version (if applicable), Number (if applicable), Publisher, Publication date, URL.


A digital image:

Creator. “Title of the Digital Image.” Title of the Website. Firstname Lastname of any contributors, Version (if applicable), Number (if applicable), Publisher, Publication date, URL.


A DVD:

Title. Directed by Firstname Lastname, Publisher, year.