

# FMS MLA Citation Guide 2016

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**Author. Title. Title of the container. Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher's name, Date of publication, Location.**

### Examples

#### Book

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of chapter or section." *Title of the work*. Translated by or Edited by First name Last name, Vol. number, City of Publication (see **note** below), Publisher, Year the book was published, page number(s).

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#### 1. With author

Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. Katherine Tegen Books, 2011.

#### 2. Without author

*The Fall of Japan*. Time-Life Books, 1983.

#### 3. With multiple authors

Matthews, Graham, et al., *Disaster Management in Archives, Libraries, and Museums*. Ashgate, 2009.

#### Article from online newspaper, journal or magazine

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the Article or Individual Page." *Title of the website*, Name of the publisher, Date of publication, URL.

"Giant Panda." *Smithsonian National Zoological Park*, 23 Apr. 2014, nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/giantpandas/pandafacts

#### Online Encyclopedia

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the Article or Individual Page." *Title of the website*, Name of the publisher, Date of publication, URL.

"List of Works by Vincent Van Gogh." *Wikipedia*, Wikimedia Foundation, 25 June 2016, www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/list\_of\_works\_by\_vincent\_van\_gogh.

### **Website**

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the Article or Individual Page." *Title of the website*, Name of the publisher, Date of publication, URL.

White, Lori. "The Newest Fad in People Helping People: Little Free Pantries." *Upworthy*, Cloud Tiger Media, 3 Aug. 2016, [www.upworthy.com/the-newest-fad-in-people-helping-people-little-free-pantries?g=2&c=hpstream](http://www.upworthy.com/the-newest-fad-in-people-helping-people-little-free-pantries?g=2&c=hpstream).

### **Magazine Article**

Last Name, First Name. "Title of the Article." *Periodical Title*. Publication Year, Page Numbers.

DelGuidice, Margaux. "When a Leadership Opportunity Knocks, Answer!" *Library Media Connection*, vol. 30, no. 2, 2011, pp. 48-49.

### **Newspaper Article**

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the article." *Title of the newspaper*, First name Last name of any other contributors, Version (if applicable), Numbers (if applicable), Publication date, Location (generally page numbers, if available). Title of the database, Location (such as a URL).

Donaldson, Jim. "Bellingham Teacher Competes on Reality TV Show – in Norway." *Bellingham Herald*, 12 Sept. 2016.

### **Online Video**

Last name, First name of the creator. "Title of the film or video." *Title of the website*, role of contributors and their First name Last name, Version, Publisher, Publication date, URL.

peakdavid. "MLA Style Essay Format - Word Tutorial." *YouTube*, YouTube, 10 Jan. 2011, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22cpqole4u0>.

### **Encyclopedia**

Last Name, First Name of Author. "Title of Article." *Encyclopedia Title*. Edition. Copyright year.

#### **1. With Author**

Bidner, Alan. "Photography." *World Book*, vol. 15, *World Book*, 2009, pp. 401–429.

#### **2. Without Author**

"Baseball." *Compton's by Britannica*. 2007.

### **Interview**

Name of person(s) interviewed. Interview Title. Day Mo. Year of Interview.

Smith, John, and Don Green. "Author's Memories." 9 Nov. 2015.

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The 8th edition of the MLA Handbook introduces the concept of "containers" to the documentation process. A container is any larger whole which holds a smaller source. Types of containers include: a book (which contains essays, stories, or poems—although a novel would be a source, not a container), a periodical (which contains articles), a website (which contains articles, posts, etc.), or a database (which contains periodicals), etc.

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