

## MLA Eighth Edition

Please note these changes in the new edition:

- Commas are used instead of periods between Publisher, Publication Date, and Pagination.
- Medium is no longer necessary.
- Containers are now a part of the MLA process. Commas should be used after container titles.
- DOIs should be used instead of URLs when available.
- Use the term “Accessed” instead of listing the date or the abbreviation, “n.d.”

Below is the general format for any citation:

Author. Title. Title of container (do not list container for standalone books, e.g. novels), Other contributors (translators or editors), Version (edition), Number (vol. and/or no.), Publisher, Publication Date, Location (pages, paragraphs URL or DOI). 2<sup>nd</sup> container’s title, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location, Date of Access (if applicable).

### Basic Book Format

The author’s name or a book with a single author's name appears in last name, first name format. The basic form for a book citation is:

Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. City of Publication, Publisher, Publication Date.

Gleick, James. *Chaos: Making a New Science*. Penguin, 1987.

### An Image (Including a Painting, Sculpture, or Photograph)

Provide the artist's name, the work of art italicized, the date of creation, the institution and city where the work is housed. Follow this initial entry with the name of the Website in italics, and the date of access.

Goya, Francisco. *The Family of Charles IV*. 1800. Museo Nacional del Prado, Madrid. *Museo Nacional del Prado*, [www.museodelprado.es/en/the-collection/art-work/the-family-of-carlos-iv/f47898fc-aa1c-48f6-a779-71759e417e74](http://www.museodelprado.es/en/the-collection/art-work/the-family-of-carlos-iv/f47898fc-aa1c-48f6-a779-71759e417e74). Accessed 22 May 2006.

Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine*. 1922. Museum of Modern Art, New York. *The Artchive*, [www.artchive.com/artchive/K/kee/twittering\\_machine.jpg.html](http://www.artchive.com/artchive/K/kee/twittering_machine.jpg.html). Accessed May 2006.

### An Article from an Online Database (or Other Electronic Subscription Service)

Cite online databases (e.g. LexisNexis, ProQuest, JSTOR, ScienceDirect) and other subscription services as containers. Thus, provide the title of the database italicized before the DOI or URL. If a DOI is not provided, use the URL instead. Provide the date of access if you wish.

Information from:

Purdue Writing Lab. “MLA Style Introduction // Purdue Writing Lab.” *Purdue Writing Lab*, [owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_style\\_introduction.html](http://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html). Accessed 12 November 2019.

Alonso, Alvaro, and Julio A. Camargo. "Toxicity of Nitrite to Three Species of Freshwater Invertebrates." *Environmental Toxicology*, vol. 21, no. 1, 3 Feb. 2006, pp. 90-94. *Wiley Online Library*, doi:10.1002/tox.20155. Accessed 26 May 2009.

Langhamer, Claire. "Love and Courtship in Mid-Twentieth-Century England." *Historical Journal*, vol. 50, no. 1, 2007, pp. 173-96. *ProQuest*, doi:10.1017/S0018246X06005966. Accessed 27 May 2009.

### **Citing an Entire Web Site**

When citing an entire website, follow the same format as listed above, but include a compiler name if no single author is available.

Author, or compiler name (if available). Name of Site. Version number (if available), Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available), DOI (preferred), otherwise include a URL or permalink. Date of access (if applicable).

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site*. Version number, Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available), URL, DOI or permalink. Date of access (if applicable).

*The Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008, owl.english.purdue.edu/owl. Accessed 23 Apr. 2008.

Felluga, Dino. *Guide to Literary and Critical Theory*. Purdue U, 28 Nov. 2003, www.cla.purdue.edu/english/theory/. Accessed 10 May 2006.

### **A Page on a Web Site**

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by an indication of the specific page or article being referenced. Usually, the title of the page or article appears in a header at the top of the page. Follow this with the information covered above for entire Web sites. If the publisher is the same as the website name, only list it once.

Lundman, Susan. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow*, www.ehow.com/how\_10727\_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." *WebMD*, 25 Sept. 2014, [www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview](http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview). Accessed 12 Nov. 2019.

### **A Song or Album**

Music can be cited multiple ways. Mainly, this depends on the container that you accessed the music from. Generally, citations begin with the artist name. They might also be listed by composers or performers. Otherwise, list composer and performer information after the album title. Put individual song titles in quotation

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Purdue Writing Lab. "MLA Style Introduction // Purdue Writing Lab." *Purdue Writing Lab*, owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\_and\_citation/mla\_style/mla\_style\_introduction.html. Accessed 12 November 2019.

marks. Album names are italicized. Provide the name of the recording manufacturer followed by the publication date.

### **Spotify**

Rae Morris. "Skin." *Cold*, Atlantic Records, 2014. *Spotify*,  
[open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi](https://open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi).

### **Online Album**

Beyoncé. "Pray You Catch Me." *Lemonade*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2016,  
[www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/](http://www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/).

Information from:

Purdue Writing Lab. "MLA Style Introduction // Purdue Writing Lab." *Purdue Writing Lab*,  
[owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_style\\_introduction.html](http://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html). Accessed 12  
November 2019.