

Short MLA 8 FORMAT

1. One standard format for all types of citations
2. “Containers” as the space where the work can be found: e.g. a database or collection of essays.
3. URLs now included without the *http://*
4. Omitting the city of publication for books
5. Screen names such as Twitter handles can now serve as an author’s name.
6. Adding “vol.” and “no.” to magazine or journal citations
7. Medium not needed: e.g. Print, Web

All formats, i.e. book, database, website, encyclopedia use the same core template.

Author(s). Title of Source. *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

If necessary, another container may be added as below:

Author(s). Title of Source. *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location. *Title of Container 2*, Other Contributors, version, number,
Publisher, Publication date, Location.

See The Annotated MLA 8 Template for more information about the Core Elements

BOOK:

Author(s). *Title of Source*. *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher, Publication
date, Location.

Wojahn, Rebecca Hogue and Donald. *A Galapagos Island Food Chain*. Lerner
Publications, 2010, pp. 47-59.

PRINT ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE:

Author(s). “Title of Source.” *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

Balcer, Jack Martin. “Marathon.” *The World Book Encyclopedia*, 2009, World Book, p. 191.

ENCYCLOPEDIA DATABASE e.g.: World Book Online, Grolier Online

Author(s). "Title of Source." *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location. *Title of Container 2*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

Cazel, Fred A., Jr. "Middle Ages." *Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia*. 2016. *Grolier Online*, gme.grolier.com/article?assetid=0192760-0.

ONLINE DATABASE:e.g. Ebsco

Author(s). "Title of Source." *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location. *Title of Container 2*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

Obama, Barack. "What A Sensible Country Would Do On Guns." *Vital Speeches Of The Day*, vol. 82, no. 3, 2016. *EBSCOhost*, search.ebscohost.com/.

VIDEO DATABASE e.g.: Infobase Learn360, BrainPOP

Author(s). "Title of Source." *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

"Volcano: Video Vocab." *Learn360*, Films Media Group, 2014, learn360.infobase.com/
PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=17188&xtid=77701.

ARTICLE ON A WEB SITE:

Author(s). "Title of Source." *Title of Container*, Other Contributors, version, number, Publisher,
Publication date, Location.

Gallagher, Gary W. "The American Civil War." *The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History*,
2009-2016, www.gilderlehrman.org/history-by-era/civil-war-and-reconstruction-
1861-1877/american-civil-war.