MLA 8: Works Cited

List of core elements
MLA 8 requires researchers to locate all “core elements” provided for a source and list them in the following order with the accompanying punctuation. Note that not all elements are always provided by a source.

1. **Author** – The person or organization that created the source
2. **Title of source** – The specific name of the source. Book titles are in italics, but articles titles, chapter titles, episode titles, etc. are in quotation marks.
3. **Title of container** – When the source forms a part of a larger whole, the larger whole can be thought of as a container that holds a source.
4. **Other contributors** – Editors, directors, translators, narrators, performers
5. **Version** – Edition [updated, expanded, 7th, etc.], cut [film], version [King James]
6. **Number** – Volume, number – vol. 1, no. 5
7. **Publisher** – Organization responsible for producing the source
8. **Publication date** – Date that the source/container was published
9. **Location** – Page number, chapter, section, DOI, website URL or permalink

*NOTE: Access dates are optional. Check with your instructor.*

Examples with detailed formatting

- **Webpage with no author**
  Formatting:
  “Title of webpage.” *Title of website*, Publication date or date last modified/updated, URL.

  Example:

- **Article in an online library database**
  Formatting:
  Author(s). “Title of article.” *Title of Journal*, volume, number, publication date, page numbers. *Database name*, URL.

  Example:
Citation Examples

❖ **Webpage with no author**

❖ **Website (entire site)**
The *Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008, owl.english.purdue.edu/owl.

❖ **Article in an online library database**

❖ **Youtube video**

❖ **Book, Single author**

❖ **Book, Two authors**

❖ **Book, Three or more authors**

❖ **Government agency as author**

❖ **Edition of a book**

❖ **A work in an anthology or compilation (like an essay, poem, or short story)**

❖ **Personal Interview**
Smith, Jane. Personal interview. 19 May 2014.