# MLA Citation - Core Elements

- This template gives you the correct order and punctuation for each element of a citation.
- If you can’t find an element, just skip it and move on to the next one.
- Not every source will have every element, but if you can’t find many of the core elements, you might want to re-evaluate that source.
- Always end your citation with a period.
- Don’t forget to write down the page numbers where you find information!

1. **Author.**
   - Single author: Last name, First name.
   - Multiple authors, use order used in source: Last name, First name and First Last.

2. **“Title of Source.”**
   Ex. - article title, video title

3. **Title of Container,**
   Ex. - book title, journal title, magazine title, newspaper title, website title
   Underline when you’re writing by hand

4. **Other contributors,**
   Editor or translator
   Ex: edited by First Last

5. **Version,**
   Edition (ex.- 2nd edition,)

6. **Number,**
   - Volume and/or number
   - Ex. - vol. 3, no. 1,

7. **Publisher,**

8. **Publication date,**

9. **Location.**
   - Page numbers of a source in a book, journal, or magazine (Ex.- pp. 18-21.)
   - URL of an online source or database source (skip the http://)
Making the Works Cited page

- The works cited page is a separate page at the end of your paper.
- Use 1 inch margins, 12 pt font, and Times New Roman, just like the rest of your paper.
- Center the words Works Cited at the top of the page - do not underline, bold, or italicize them.
- Double-space your works cited page.
- Alphabetize the sources in your works cited by the first word of each citation.
- If your citation doesn’t fit all on one line, indent any continuing lines.
- Always end each citation with a period.
- See the example below.

**Works Cited**


# Citation Examples

## Book

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Citation:

## Work in an encyclopedia, anthology, or collection

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**Article from a Database**

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### MLA Practice Template

1. Author.
2. Title of source.

**CONTAINER 1**

3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

**CONTAINER 2**

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*Add container 2 when using an ebook or database*

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