The following are sample citations for MLA 8th edition works cited lists. For further information on MLA or other source types, check the MLA Handbook 8th Edition (ref PN 203 G53 2016, located at the Research Help desk), or ask for help at the Research Help desk. Remember that your instructor is always the final authority on citing sources!

**Book**

- **Format**: Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.

**Book Chapter**

- **Format**: Last, First M. "Chapter Title." *Book Title*. edited by First M. Last, Publisher, Year Published, Pages.

**E-Book**

- **Format**: Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date. *E-book Provider*. URL.

**Article from a Journal**

- **Format**: Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, Volume, Issue, Year, pages.

**Magazine / Newspaper**

- **Format**: Last Name, First Name. “Article Title.” *Newspaper Name*, Newspaper City, Publication Date, Page Numbers.

**Article from a Online Database**


**Page from a Website**

- **Format**: Last Name, First Name. “Page Title.” *Website Title*, Publisher Title, Publication Date, URL. Date Accessed.
### Page from Government Website (no author listed)

**Format** Name of Publishing Government Organization. “Page Title.” *Website Title*, Publication Date, URL. Date Accessed.


### Personal Interview

**Format** Last Name, First Name. Personal Interview. Date of Interview.

**Example** Obama, Barack. Personal Interview. 28 Nov 2016.

### Speeches, Lectures, or Other Oral Presentations

**Format** Last Name, First Name. “Speech Title.” Conference/meeting/class name, date, location of speech/lecture. Description of Speech.


### Tweet

**Format** Twitter Handle. “Text of entire Tweet.” *Twitter*, Date of Tweet, Time of Tweet, URL.

**Example** @VictorEBulldog. “It’s been a relaxing break!” *Twitter*, 27 Nov 2016, 5:00pm, https://twitter.com/VictorEBulldog/status/803040735889133568.

### YouTube Video

**Format** Last Name, First Name. “Title of Youtube Video.” *Youtube*, uploaded by, date of upload, URL.


### Film

Include performers most relevant to your project. If focusing on one performer, list them as an author before film title.

**Format** Film Title. Directed by, performances by, film studio or distributor, release year.

**Example** *Mad Max: Fury Road*. Directed by George Miller, performances by Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron, Warner Bros Pictures, 2015.

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Creating Citations with Different Author Types

One author: Begin the citation with author’s last name, followed by a comma, and then the first name.

Hernandez, Maria.

Two authors: Include both authors in the citation in the same order presented in the work. Begin with the first author’s last name, followed by a comma and the first name. Give the second name in normal order.

Hernandez, Maria and Henry Smith.

Three or more authors: Include the first listed author, followed by a comma and et al. (“and others”)

Hernandez, Maria, et al.

Corporate Author: The author does not have to be an individual person, it can also be a “corporate author,” such as a government agency, institution, professional association or other type of organization.

American Heart Association.

No author: If a work has no author, skip the author portion of the citation and begin with the title.

“Impact of Climate Change”

In-text Citations – The Basics

With MLA style, you will create in-text citations in your paper that will refer to the source you are using. This in-text citation should be added as soon as possible after the borrowed material. After looking at the in-text citation, your reader should be able to easily find the full citation in your works cited. The in-text citation will typically include the author’s last name, as well as the page number.

The author’s last name and page number should go in parentheses where you want to add the citation:

Students, faculty, and staff at Fresno State should “be bold” in their actions (Castro 183).

If you are using the author’s name in the text itself, just put the page number in parentheses:

According to President Joseph Castro, Fresno State students, faculty, and staff should “be bold” in their actions (183).

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In-text citations with different author types

One author - (Hernandez 138)

Two authors - (Hernandez and Smith 138)

Three or more authors - (Hernandez et al. 138)

Corporate author - (American Heart Association 241)
What if there is no author for my source?

If there is no author for a source, include an abbreviated title in parentheses, or the full title in the text itself. Your in-text citation should always correspond to the first element of the citation in the works cited page.

Despite an apparent decline in reading during the same period, “the number of people doing creative writing – of any genre, not exclusively literary works – increased substantially between 1982 and 2002” (Reading 3).

or

Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literacy Reading in America notes that despite an apparent decline in reading during the same period, “the number of people doing creative writing – of any genre, not exclusively literary works – increased substantially between 1982 and 2002” (3).

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What if there are no page numbers for my source?

If there are no page numbers for your source, just list the author. (Hernandez)

What if I have several sources written by the same author?

If you have several sources from the same author, include a shortened title after the author’s last name within the citation. (Hernandez, “Learning to Cite” 138)

What if I have two authors with the same last name?

If you have different sources written by authors with the same last name, include a first name initial in the citation. If the authors share a first name initial, include the entire first name in the citation. (M. Hernandez 138)

Other questions?

There are a few options for getting help with citations:

- Ask a librarian at the Research Help desk, or use our Chat Ask a Librarian service on the library homepage.
- Use an online citation guide, such as Purdue OWL (owl.english.purdue.edu/owl), which is more extensive than this handout.
- Remember that your professor is always the final authority on citations. If you are ever in doubt, ask your professor!

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