

# MLA 8

# CITATIONS

## Author Rules:

1. The name is inverted: surname first then all other names followed by a comma eg Mitchell, James A.
2. No author: use either the organization responsible for the title of the source
3. 2 authors: List the first author inverted and the second author normally eg Mitchell, James A., and Martha Thomson
4. 3+ authors: use the first author's name inverted followed by ', et al' eg Mitchell, James A., et al
5. Pseudonyms and online usernames are allowed
6. Editors and translators are added here but their name is followed by ', editor' or ', translator'

## Source Title Rules

1. It is italicised for a whole book title
2. It is put in quotation marks if the source is part of a bigger item eg an article
3. If the source is untitled, give a general description (not italicised or in quotes)

## Contributor Rules:

1. Use the most relevant contributors to your work
2. Precede the name with the role eg directed by James Mendelay,

## Title of Container Rule:

1. This is italicised
2. There can be multiple containers

Author name(s). "Title of the source". Title of container, other contributors, version, numbers, publisher, publication date, location.

## Publisher Rules:

1. If multiple publishers, separate them with a /

## Version Rules:

1. Version, edition or revisions
2. All lower case

## Numbers Rules:

1. This refers to works in a sequence eg issues, volumes, tv seasons and episodes

## Publication Date Rules:

1. The contents of this vary with source type
2. If there multiple publication dates, cite the one you used
3. It is possible to site a date range when appropriate

## Location Rules:

1. This refers to different things in different cases:
  - a. Print: page number
  - b. Online: URL
  - c. DVD: disk number
  - d. Object: place it is help
  - e. Performance: city/venue

These are the core components of an MLA 8 works-cited list reference. This is adapted to cite different sources through the addition and removal of or making changes to some components.

## Notes:

1. If adding something that isn't in the original source, add it within square brackets
2. If the date is approximate, add 'circa.' before it
3. If you are unsure about the components in the source, follow it with a '?'

Source: *How to Cite Sources in MLA Citation Format*, [Mendelay.com](https://www.Mendelay.com/guides/mla-citation-guide), [www.Mendelay.com/guides/mla-citation-guide](https://www.Mendelay.com/guides/mla-citation-guide)