Quick Guide to MLA Works Cited (9th Edition)

While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of this guide, the best reference for the use of MLA format is the MLA Handbook*, available in the library. If you have questions or need help, stop by The Learning Center and ask for a writing tutor. Please remember assignment requirements and any Instructor or Professor preferences different from the MLA handbook.*

A template for work cited entries:

An MLA citation has nine core elements (in order):

1) Author.
2) Title of source.
3) Title of container, *
4) Contributor, **
5) Version,
6) Number,
7) Publisher,
8) Publication date,
9) Location. ***

*Title of container refers to the larger whole of which the source is a part. For instance, a song (source) is part of an album (container).

**Contributors might include translators or editors.

***Location may refer to page numbers, DOI, or the URL, depending on the medium of the source.

Note: Not every element will be used every time but be certain that one is not needed before skipping it.

Book with single author:

Last name, First name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication date.

McCarthy, Cormac. *Blood Meridian.* Vintage International, 1985.

Book with multiple authors:

Last name, First name, and First name Last name. *Title*. Publisher, Publication date.

Kinkead, Joyce A., and Jeanette G. Harris. *Writing Centers in Context: Twelve Case Studies.* National
    Council of Teachers of English, 1993.

Note: For three or more authors, list the first author, then use the abbreviation et al. (Last name, First
name, et al.).

Work in an anthology, reference, or collection:

Last name, First name. "Title of Essay." *Title of Collection*, edited by Editor's (s), Publisher, Year, Page
    range of entry.

O'Connor, Flannery. "A Good Man Is Hard to Find." *Backpack Reader,* edited by X.J. Kennedy and Dana
    Gioia, Pearson, 2012, pp. 352-365.

Note: Many short stories, poems, and articles are collected in anthologies. If each part of the work you
are citing seems to be written by a different person, this is probably the citation style to use.

Article from a library database:

Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Journal Title,* Volume, Issue number, Date of publication, Page
    numbers.

Tyner, James A. "Placing 'The South' in the Geopolitical Thought of Malcolm X." *Southeastern
    Geographer*, vol. 56, no. 1, Spring 2016, pp. 45-56. EBSCO*host*,
    ezproxy.eastcentral.edu:2048/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&A
    uthType=cookie,ip,uid&db=aph&AN=113553709&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Note: If you are using EBSCO*host*, click "Cite" on the right-hand side of the page to find the MLA citation
for the work you are viewing. Do not, however, trust everything you read online. Make sure the citation
is in the correct form before using it.

A page on a website:

"Title of Webpage." *Website Title*, Publication date, www.example.com/example-url. Access date.

"The Learning Center." *East Central College*, 3 January 2017, www.eastcentral.edu/learning-center.

Note: Date accessed is an optional element but should always be included if no publication date is
available.

YouTube:

 "10 Things You Did Not Know the Use For." *YouTube,* uploaded by Facts Verse, 3 January 2017,
    youtu.be/s2jWVbX7sPk.64

Note: To find the permalink for a YouTube video, click "Share" and use the URL in the box.