# How to Cite Information Using the MLA Style, 8th Edition


## Books

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| Three or more authors | First Author Listed, et al. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Year of Publication.  
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| Book, essay in an anthology or collection | Author. “Title of Essay.” *Title of Book*, Editor, Publisher, Year of Publication, Page Numbers.  
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Citation Basics

1. Capitalize all words in titles except for:
   a. the articles, a, an, the;
   b. prepositions, such as in, of, etc.;
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   d. Exceptions are when these are the first word of a title or subtitle. Capitalize these in those instances.

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   1. Author.
   2. Title of source (book, article, video or other title).
   3. Title of container (book, periodical, or other),
   4. Other contributors (editors, illustrators, translators),
   5. Version (an edition for a book or a newspaper),
   6. Number (volume and issue numbers for a journal articles or volumes for multi-volume books),
   7. Publisher,
   8. Publication date,
   9. Location (page numbers in a book or periodical article; DOI, Permalink, or URL for an online source).

The punctuation following each element above is the punctuation to be used after it in the citation. (Periods after the author, title, and location. Commas after everything else.)

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2. **Double space** between the title and the first entry;
3. **Double space** each citation and use a **hanging indent**. A hanging indent means that the citation starts flush left, and additional lines of the citation begin .5” (or 5 spaces) in from the left.
4. **Alphabetize** the list.

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