Citing in MLA 8
MLA 8 is a very straightforward citation style, where all the citations, regardless of their type, follow the same basic format style, as the chart on the right displays. Unlike other citation styles, there may be multiple ways to cite works using this basic format; MLA encourages whatever will make the most sense to the reader.

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Books

Basic Format
Author A’s Last Name, First Name, and Author B’s First Name Last Name. 
Title of Book, Publisher, Year of Publication.

▪ One Author


▪ Two Authors

Article in a Journal

Basic Format
Author A’s Last Name, First Name and Author B’s First Name Last Name. “Title of the Article.” Title of Journal, Volume, Issue, Year of Publication, Page Numbers, Database name, DOI (or URL).

▪ One Author

▪ Three or More Authors
Article from a Website

Basic Format
Author’s Last Name, First Name. “Title of Work.” Title of Website, Date of Publication, URL.

▪ Examples


Movie

Basic Format
Contributor’s Last Name, First Name, contributor’s role. Title of Movie. Role by Other Contributor’s First Name Last Name, Name of Production or Distribution Company, Year of Release.

▪ Examples


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1 Author
“…he still knew nothing of the piracy of Love” (Longus 23).
Kenneth Burke describes human beings as “symbol-using animals” (3).

2 Authors
“…these are the metaphors we live by” (Lakoff and Johnson 18).

3 or more Authors:
“. . . they could bear it no more” (Wesley et al. 10).

No Author:
List the title of the source instead, in the text itself or parenthetically, abbreviated.
In “The Impact of Global Warming in North America…” (3).
(“Impact of Global Warming” 3).

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