

MLA 8 Citation form: Quick Look for a *Bibliography* or *Works Cited* page

Moving into MLA 8 from MLA 7 there are some changes meant to streamline. Items highlighted in yellow are optional depending on teacher requirements.

- **Book**

Author's Last Name, First Name, Middle Name. *Title of Book.* **Publisher, Year of Publication.**

Example: Nye, Naomi Shihab. *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East.* **USA:** Greenwillow Books, 1994.

- **Electronic/digital resources*** **citations are included in nearly all e-resources on our Library webpage.* This allows appropriate copy and paste into a Works Cited page, which is ordered by last names of authors (use title of article if no author designated)

Author's Last Name, First Name, Middle Name (if available). **"Article Title."** **Name of Magazine,** **Date of Publication,** **Page Numbers.** **Name of Database.** **URL.** **Date accessed.**

Example: Chiasson, Dan. "Out of Print." *The New Yorker*, 5 Dec. 2016, p. 77. *General OneFile*, go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?p=GPS&sw=w&u=nysl_se_newpaltz&v=2.1&id=GALE%7CA472858369&it=r&asid=bd5ff470bdd79b30e3c29300674a3205. Accessed 1 May 2017.

- **Web site OR Specific page on a website**

Author or Editor Last Name, First Name Middle Name (if available). *Specific Page/Article/Site.* Version number, **Name of Institution/organization (sponsor or publisher), date of creation (if available).** **Date accessed.**

Example: *The Purdue OWL.* Purdue U Writing Lab, 2016. **1 May 2017**

- **An Image – painting, sculpture, photograph**

Last name, First name. *Title of Art.* Date composed. Medium of the piece. Location where work is housed. **Website and date if accessed online.**

Example: Klee, Paul. *Twittering Machine.* 1922. Painting. Museum of Modern Art, New York. www.artchive.com/artchive/K/klee/twittering_machine.jpg.html. Accessed May 2006.

- **A song or piece of music on an album should be in quotation marks:**

Beyoncé. "Pray You Catch Me." *Lemonade*, Parkwood Entertainment, 2016, www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/.

- **A Youtube video**

McGonigal, Jane. "Gaming and Productivity." *YouTube*, uploaded by Big Think, 3 July 2012, www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkdzy9bWW3E.

Optional elements – at the discretion of teacher:

Date of original publication:

If a source has been published on more than one date, the writer may want to include both dates if it will provide the reader with necessary or helpful information.

Erdrich, Louise. *Love Medicine*. 1984. Perennial-Harper, 1993.

City of publication: prior to 1900, city of publication can stand for publisher; otherwise no city of publishing is needed.

Thoreau, Henry David. *Excursions*. Boston, 1863.

Date of access: - because online content changes, access date not necessarily required.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 16 Aug. 2002, alistapart.com/article/writeliving. Accessed 4 May 2009.

URLs: (Universal or Uniform Resource Locator) also known as web address

As mentioned above, while the eighth edition recommends including URLs when you cite online sources, you should **always check with your instructor or editor and include URLs at their discretion.**