How to Cite Resources (MLA 9th ed.)

For most resources, you will record the following information in this order. (Not all info may be available)

- > Author's last name, first name. (followed by a period) If there is no author, go to the next item
- The title of the source of your research (articles in quotes; books italicized) (followed by a period)
- > The title of the "container" (website or whatever is "containing" the source) in italics (followed by a comma.)
- > Contributor name(s) of anyone else who add to the resource (followed by a comma.)
- ➤ **Version** if available. (2nd ed.) (followed by a comma.)
- > Number (vol. no.) (followed by a comma)
- The **publisher**. Can be omitted if the title and website are the same (followed by a comma)
- > Publication date (followed by a comma)
- ➤ **Location** This depends on your source. Use a URL for a website and page numbers for a periodical (followed by a period).

Multiple Authors

Reverse the order for the first author only. Add the additional author. Use a comma to separate the names. For example: Smith, Fred, and Martha Jones.

Encyclopedia or Dictionary

- Author's last name, first name. (If provided.)
- > Title of the source in quotation marks.
- > Title of the Container in italics title of the encyclopedia or dictionary,
- > Version. Is this an edition? 4th ed.,
- The publisher (for online resources this can be omitted if it is the same as the website),
- Publication date,
- Location. If accessed online, the URL.

For example: Smith, Fred. "Warthogs." Encyclopedia of Animals. 5th ed. 2016, www.eoaanimals.edu.

A Personal Interview

- Last name, first name. (of the person interviewed.)
- > Title of the source: Personal interview.
- > Date of the interview. (Day, month, year)

For example:

Jones, Martha. Personal interview. 7 Mar. 2016.

How to Cite Books in Print

- Author's last name, first name.
- If there is an editor: edited by
- > Publisher, date.

- Name of the book in italics.
- If this a numbered edition: 3rd ed.

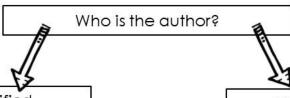
How to Cite an Article in a Periodical

- Author's last name, first name.
- > Title of the article in quotation marks.
- Title of the periodical in italics (followed by a comma)
- Number (vol., no. if available followed by a comma)
- > Date of publication. If it's only published once a month, just the month (followed by a comma)
- Location: Page numbers for the article (for example, pp. 14-15.) or URL.

Things to Remember

- > The goal of your citation is to help your reader locate the information you used.
- Your teacher may not require you to use URLs. Follow your instructor's guidelines.
- You can omit http:// or https:// at the start of a URL.

Create a Works Cited Flowchart



The author is identified.
Write the author's last name, first name. Followed by a period.

There is no author given. Skip and go to the next item.

What is the title of the source of your research?

Write an article in quotes and the title of a book in italics.

If there is no title, write a short description of the source. Followed by a period.

Is your resource is "contained" in another work? Is it an article in a journal or website? A short story or poem in an anthology? A video or blog post?

What is "holding" that resource?

That's the container.

Write the title of the "container" in italics. Followed by a comma.



Is the resource is self-contained (like a printed book)? Go the next items.

Note: You don't need to include "location" for a self-contained resource.





Add the following information if available. If it isn't available or doesn't apply, move to the next item. Each item is followed by a comma.



- Contributor others who contributed to the work. Names are not reversed.
- Version identify which edition or version of the work you're using.
- Number specify the number if the work is part of a series or sequence.
- Publisher identify who published the work. Check at bottom of a website.
- Publication date state when the document was published.
- Location For an essay or article, include page numbers. For a website, include a URL or follow your instructor (follow with a period – indicating the entry is finished)

How to Create a Works Cited, A Few Examples

What the entries looks like:

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Stu, Dent. "All about Warthogs." Wide World of Warthogs, edited by Fred Winters. 2nd. ed., no. 13, Wacky Publisher, 2000, URL.

"All about Warthogs." Wide
World of Warthogs, edited by Fred
Winters. 2nd. ed., no. 13, Wacky
Publisher, 2000, URL.

Ad for Adopting a Warthog. Wide World of Warthogs, edited by Fred Winters. 2nd. ed., no. 13, Wacky Publisher, 2000, URL.

What the entries include:

- ✓ The author is identified.
- ✓ The title of the article is in quotes.
- √ The "container" is identified (Wide World of Warthogs)
- ✓ Contributor is identified (Fred Winters)
- √ Version (2nd ed.)
- ✓ Number (no. 13)
- √ Publisher (Wacky Publisher)
- ✓ Publication date (2000)
- ✓ Location (URL)
- ✓ No author is identified.
- ✓ The title of the article is in quotes.
- √ The "container" is identified (Wide World of Warthogs)
- ✓ Contributor is identified (Fred Winters)
- √ Version (2nd ed.)
- ✓ Number (no. 13)
- √ Publisher (Wacky Publisher)
- √ Publication date (2000)
- ✓ Location (URL)
- ✓ No title for the resource, so a short description is written.
- √ The "container" is identified (Wide World of Warthogs)
- ✓ Contributor is identified (Fred Winters)
- ✓ Version (2nd ed.)
- ✓ Number (no. 13)
- √ Publisher (Wacky Publisher)
- ✓ Publication date (2000)
- ✓ Location (URL)

Smith, Wanda. The Wonders of Warthogs. Wacky Publisher, 2000.

- √ This is a self-contained resource.
- ✓ Publisher (Wacky Publisher)
- ✓ Publication date (2000)
- ✓ Location (URL)