

Clovis Community College Library Style Guide for MLA Works Cited List

General Guidelines for Works Cited:

- Works Cited begins on a separate page at the end of the paper
 - Heading (Works Cited) is centered at the top with no underlining, italicizing or quotation marks
 - Alphabetize sources by author's last name; for works without an author, alphabetize by title
 - Generally, *italicize* titles of books and journals
 - All lines after the first line of each source should be indented 0.5" (hanging indent)
 - Sources are double-spaced within and between entries
 - The date of access for electronic resources is optional but recommended when the source provides no date
- For other MLA format questions, the *MLA Handbook*, 8th edition is available in the library. Citation help links and this handout are available on the library's [How to Cite](#) page on the college website.

Core Elements

MLA citations are based on nine basic pieces of information that are common to most resources. Include all the core elements that the source provides. Any element the source does not provide does not apply and is omitted from the citation. One of the core elements is the container. A container is anything that holds the cited source, such as a magazine, website, or database. A source may have more than one container. The examples below show the core elements and the proper formatting and punctuation for MLA Works Cited lists.

Core elements:

- 1 Author.
- 2 Title of the source.
- 3 Title of the container,
- 4 Other contributors,
- 5 Version,
- 6 Number,
- 7 Publisher,
- 8 Publication date,
- 9 Location.

Article in a Database Example (Two containers)

- 1 **Author.:** Conti, G., et al.
 - 2 **Title of source.:** "The ENSO Transition Probabilities."
 - 3 **Title of container 1.:** *Journal of Climate*,
 - 4 **Other contributors.:** does not apply
 - 5 **Version.:** does not apply
 - 6 **Number.:** vol. 30, no. 13,
 - 7 **Publisher.:** does not apply
 - 8 **Publication date.:** July 2017,
 - 9 **Location.:** pp. 4951-4964.
 - 3 **Title of container 2.:** *Academic Search Complete*,
 - 9 **Location:** doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0490.1.
- Citation:
Conti, G., et al. "The ENSO Transition Probabilities." *Journal of Climate*, vol. 30, no. 13, 2017, pp. 4951-4964. *Academic Search Complete*, doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0490.1.

Book Example (One container)

- 1 **Author.:** Hudson, David L.
 - 2 **Title of source.:** *Teen Legal Rights*.
 - 3 **Title of the container.:** does not apply
 - 4 **Other contributors.:** does not apply
 - 5 **Version.:** 3rd ed.
 - 6 **Number.:** does not apply
 - 7 **Publisher.:** ABC-CLIO,
 - 8 **Publication date.:** 2015.
 - 9 **Location.:** does not apply
- Citation:
Hudson, David L. *Teen Legal Rights*. 3rd ed. ABC-CLIO, 2015.

MLA Works Cited Examples

Books & E-books

Book in Print - Two Authors and 2nd Edition

Patton, Kevin T., and Gary A. Thibodeau. *Mosby's Handbook of Anatomy & Physiology*. 2nd ed., Elsevier, 2014.

Article in a Book in Print (Anthology)

Daines, Richard F. "The Flu Vaccine Should Be Mandatory for Health Care Workers." *Vaccines*, edited by Noël Merino, Greenhaven, 2012, pp. 117-20.

E-book from eBooks on Ebscohost

Baldwin, Geoff, et al. *Synthetic Biology: A Primer*. Revised ed., Imperial College P, 2016. *EBSCOHost eBook Collection*,
search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=1061746&site=ehost-live.

Articles

Journal Article – More than Two Authors from Academic Search Complete (EBSCOhost Database)

Armour, Kyle C., et al. "Time-Varying Climate Sensitivity from Regional Feedbacks." *Journal of Climate*, vol. 26, no. 13, July 2013, pp. 4518-34. *Academic Search Premier*, doi: 10.1175/JCLI-D-12-00544.1.

Magazine Article from Opposing Viewpoints in Context (Gale Database)

Smaglik, Paul. "Regulating the Brave New World of Human Gene Editing." *Discover*, Jan. 2017, p. 30. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*,
link.galegroup.com/apps/doc/A483835272/OVIC?u=cclc_clovis&xid=f7fcee84. Accessed 7 Dec. 2017.

Newspaper Article from Newspaper Source Plus (EBSCOhost Database)

Boss, Owen. "Brexit Shakes Globe." *Boston Herald (MA)*, 25 June 2016, *Newspaper Source Plus*,
search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=n5h&AN=2W61902898382&site=ehost-live.

Newspaper Article from a Newspaper Website

Schuessler, Jennifer. "Gabriel García Márquez's Archive Freely Available Online." *The New York Times*, 11 Dec. 2017, nyti.ms/2kZ4njd.

Websites

Article on a Website

Egan, Matt. "Why the U.S. Oil Stash Has Shrunk 6 Weeks in a Row." *CNNMoney*, Cable News Network, 29 June 2016, money.cnn.com/2016/06/29/investing/oil-glut-inventories-decline-6-weeks/index.html?iid=hp-toplead-dom.

Entire Website

The Purdue OWL. Purdue U Writing Lab, 2017, owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/. Accessed 7 Dec. 2017.

Films & Videos

Film from a Database

Comet of the Century. Directed by Charles Colville, BBC, 2013. *Films on Demand*, fod.infobase.com/PortalPlaylists.aspx?wID=275588&xtid=60450.

YouTube Video

Hartness Library. "Search Words?" *YouTube*, 9 Jan. 2017, www.youtube.com/watch?v=umrVcxJ5m_c.

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