MLA Works Cited Examples

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The MLA updated the format for references in April of 2016. All references, from books to YouTube videos, should include the following basic pieces of information, **if applicable**:

1. Author	6. Number *(volume number for journals)*
2. Title of source	7. Publisher
3. Title of **container** *(see below)*	8. Publication date
4. Other contributors *(editors, translators, etc.)*	9. Location *(page #, URL or DOI)*
5. Version *(edition)*	

> DOI: the digital object identifier

Containers for the new MLA:

Some sources have containers, others don't. Your source can have 0, 1, or 2 containers. An example of a source without a container is a book (not an anthology or part of a series).

Including the container(s) is important because it allows you to:

1. **Provide the name of the larger work** that a short work is part of.
2. **Provide the name of the source or online database** where you found your source, since one copy of a text may be different than another.

Some examples of **online containers**:

- ProQuest, JSTOR, Academic Search Complete (or other databases)
- The name of a website (for example, *The Atlantic*, *CDC*, *Scientific American Blogs*)
- Google Books (for online books)
- Netflix, Hulu, YouTube

Examples of sources with 1 or 2 containers:

Source: A journal article **Container 1**: Scholarly Journal, **Container 2**: Library Database
Source: A chapter/article in an edited volume **Container 1**: The edited volume
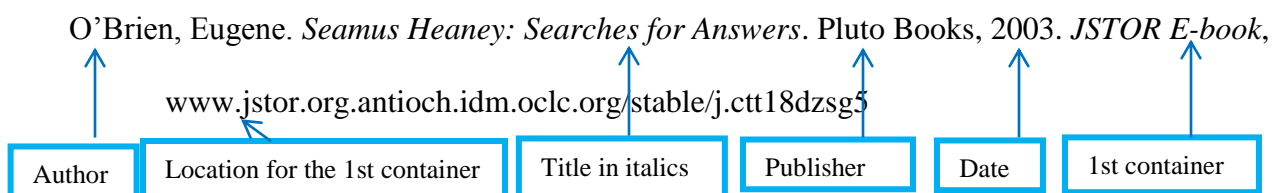*Source:* A page or article on a website **Container 1**: The website

List the information from #1-9 in order. Include applicable information items #4-9 after the first container. If the source has a 2nd container include any applicable information for #4-9 also.

Book example: (no container)

Sapolsky, Robert M. *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*. 3rd ed. Henry Holt and Company, LLC, 2004.

Author — Date — Title in italics — Edition number — Publisher

→Updated MLA: You no longer need to include the city of publication or the medium (print).

E-Book: (one container because the book was accessed as an e-book through a database)

O'Brien, Eugene. *Seamus Heaney: Searches for Answers*. Pluto Books, 2003. *JSTOR E-book*, www.jstor.org.antioch.idm.oclc.org/stable/j.ctt18dzsg5

Author — Location for the 1st container — Title in italics — Publisher — Date — 1st container

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Journal article (found online) example: (Notice that it has 2 containers)

Title of the journal article

Butzer, Bethany, Khalique Ahmed, and Sat Khalsa. "Yoga Enhances Positive Psychological

States In Young Adult Musicians." *Applied Psychophysiology & Biofeedback*, vol. 41,

Volume

Authors

no. 2, June 2016, pp. 191-202. *Academic Search Complete*, doi:10.1007/s10484-015-

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2nd container, the name of the database

Name of the journal (1st container)

Include the DOI if available

→Updated MLA: You should include URLs or DOIs. DOIs are preferred, if available.

Page on a website example: (one container)

"State-based Prevalence Data of Parent Reported ADHD Diagnosis by a Health Care Provider."

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 6 Oct. 2014, www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/adh

prevalence.htm

Organization which is the author (1st container)

The title of the web page on the CDC website. If the organization is also the author, begin the entry with the title of the web page instead of the author.

Date

Include the URL

→Updated MLA: You should include URLs, but omit http:// or https://. Do not shorten URLs.

Article from an online newspaper example: (one container)

Beck, Julie. "Untangling Gun Violence from Mental Illness." *The Atlantic*, 7 June 2016, www.

.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2016/06/untangling-gun-violence-from-mental-

illness/485906/

Author

Title of article

The container

Date (day, month, year)

URL

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Punctuation of titles: Capitalize all major words in titles.
- Put quotation marks around titles if the the source is part of a larger work (an article in a journal, a page on a website, an episode of a TV series)
- Italicize (or underline) titles if the work is complete in itself (books, anthologies, a whole website, a movie, etc.).

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