# MLA Citation Examples --this is for MLA 8th Edition

## New for 8th Edition → MLA “Core Elements” & “Containers”

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<th>Core Elements</th>
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| **Source** (the novel, article, poem, video, essay, etc.) | **1)** Author(s).  
**2)** Title of source. |
| **Container 1** (the book, journal, magazine, newspaper, etc. that “contains” the source—by itself or collected together with other sources) | **1)** Title of container,  
**2)** Other contributors,  
**3)** Version,  
**4)** Number,  
**5)** Publisher,  
**6)** Publication date,  
**7)** Location. |
| **Container 2 (if applicable)** (the database, website, etc. that “contains” Container 1) | **1)** Title of container,  
**2)** Other contributors,  
**3)** Version,  
**4)** Number,  
**5)** Publisher,  
**6)** Publication date,  
**7)** Location. |

## Other Examples


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Familiar with a different style (not MLA)? – Pretty much the same info! Compare:

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<th>MLA Format</th>
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Citation is not just for quotations:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Quotation</th>
<th>“One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish” (Geisel 1).</th>
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<tr>
<td>Paraphrase</td>
<td>Theodore Seuss Geisel, writing as Dr. Seuss, wrote that there are two fish and that some are red and some are blue (1).</td>
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<td>Summary</td>
<td>There are many fish in the sea and they have diverse characteristics (Geisel 1).</td>
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As you find information, remember to collect info about the sources themselves, too:

- Author(s)
- Title
- Title of larger work (if your source is from a collection, a journal, newspaper, etc.)
- Other contributors (editors, translators, etc.)
- Publisher
- Publication date
- Page numbers
- Database or website (if you got it online)
- URL

The two parts of MLA Citation:

1. In-text citations – indicate when you’ve used a source:
   - Three key pieces of info: Author’s last name & page number(s): e.g., (Geisel 1). Plus, if you use more than one work by that author, a shortened title: e.g., (Geisel, One Fish 1).
   - Two ways to do it:
     1. Include name in a “signal phrase”: According to Smith, many social workers run the risk of becoming emotionally attached to their clients (101).
     2. Name in parentheses: Many social workers “potentially face the problem of becoming attached emotionally to clients” (Smith 101).

2. “Works Cited” list at the end of the paper:
   - Each source must be listed in alphabetical order on a separate “Works Cited” page.
   - See explanation and examples on the other side of this handout.

For more help with MLA citation:  http://libguides.yu.edu/citations/mla

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