Use This MLA Containers Worksheet Example to Create Citations

- List “core elements” of a source that are sometimes part of other sources (e.g. article in a journal in a database).
- Include only what information is available and appropriate for the source and leave extra elements blank.
- Use punctuation/formatting provided in the left column and leave one space after each punctuation mark.
- Find more details on containers at https://style.mla.org/works-cited-a-quick-guide/.

**Basic Source Information**

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| 1 | Author(s).  
writer(s), performer(s), organization, etc. | Fauria, Renee M. and Luana J. Zellner. |
| 2 | Title of Source.  
-OR-  
“Title of Source.” | “College Students Speak Success.” |

**Container 1 - Journal**

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database, book collection, journal, web site, etc. | Journal of Adult Development, |
| 2 | Other Contributors,  
editors, directors, narrators, translators, creators, etc. |
| 3 | Version,  
edition |
| 4 | Number,  
volume and/or issue | vol. 22, no. 2, |
| 5 | Publisher,  
book publisher, web site sponsor, etc. |
| 6 | Publication date,  
(Note: If end of container, end with period.) | June 2015, |
| 7 | Location.  
article paging, URL, DOI, permalink/stable URL, etc. | pp. 90-99. |

**Container 2 - Database**

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database, book collection, journal, web site, etc. | Academic Search Complete, |
| 2 | Other Contributors,  
editors, directors, narrators, translators, creators, etc. |
| 3 | Version,  
edition |
| 4 | Number,  
volume and/or issue |
| 5 | Publisher,  
book publisher, web site sponsor, etc. |
| 6 | Publication date, | doi:10.1007/s10804-014-9203-0. |
| 7 | Location.  
article paging, URL, DOI, permalink/stable URL, etc. |

**Resulting Works Cited Citation:**

MLA Works Cited Examples

A works cited list is arranged in alphabetical order by the author's last name or, in the case where a source has no author, by the first word in the title (ignore “A,” “An” and “The”). Indent each line 0.5 inches (excluding the first line). Double-space between lines and between each entry. More MLA 8th edition citation examples are listed at http://tinyurl.com/cyfairresearch. For more details, consult the MLA Handbook, 8th edition at the reference desks or see https://style.mla.org/

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A Book by Two Authors
(Note: If 3 or more authors, you may put the first author listed & “et al.” – for example, Jones, Robert, et al.)

Essay in a Collection

A Film or Video Recording
(Note: Start with the film/video title if you are discussing the work itself, rather than an individual who contributed to the work.)

Online Database Sources

▼ Academic Search Complete (journal article with permalink URL)
(Note: Click “Permalink” (on the right side of a database entry with a chain icon) to get the location (URL).)


▼ Humanities Full Text (journal article with DOI)
(Note: Use the permalink or stable URL from the database if no DOI listed.)

Humanities Full Text, doi:10.1080/00111610209602181.

▼ LexisNexis Academic (newspaper article)
(Note: Click the “Copy Document Link” icon in LexisNexis Academic to get the permalink for location (URL).)


▼ Health Reference Center Academic (magazine article)

More >>
**eBook Collection** (online book)

**Opposing Viewpoints** (essay in a book collection in a database)

**Films on Demand** (film clip in a database)

**A Web Page**
“Asthma.” *The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia*, www.chop.edu/conditions-diseases/asthma#.V7XzFPkrKUk.

**A Newspaper Article on the Web**
(Note: Time when the item was posted online, if available, is listed after date.)

**A Photograph on the Web**

**A Corporate Author** (government document)
(Note: When the corporate author is the same as the publisher, skip the author, start with the title, and list only the publisher.)

**A Video on the Web Uploaded**
*Integrity Commercial*. YouTube, uploaded by GeorgiaCALLS, 16 Apr. 2015, www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6h7eznE3qO.

**A Video on the Web from Original Source** (video segment from a television program)

More ▶
## In-Text Citation Examples

### Web Page with One Author and No Paging

**Note:** No page numbers are listed, so if the author is mentioned in the sentence, then no citation is needed at the end of the sentence. The title of the web page is the same as the publisher, so that information is not listed twice in the works cited citation.

| In-Text | Livingston notes that "47% of stay-at-home fathers are living in poverty" based on 2012 Census Bureau information.  
OR  
A surprising statistic is that "47% of stay-at-home fathers are living in poverty" based on 2012 Census Bureau information (Livingston). |
| Works Cited | Livingston, Gretchen. “Growing Number of Dads Home with the Kids."  

### Article in a Library Database – Two Authors Listed

**Note:** If there are three or more authors, list the first author's name and “et al.” in the in-text (e.g., Jones et al. 234) and works cited (e.g., Jones, Bob, et al.) in the works cited citations. If no DOI is listed, use a permalink or stable URL.

| In-Text | Fan and Gordon note that companies try to create a “personal connection” with customers via social media gimmicks like unique hashtags (80).  
OR  
Companies try to create a “personal connection” with customers via social media gimmicks like unique hashtags (Fan and Gordon 80). |

### Video on the Web without an Author

**Note:** Put the timing (i.e., hours, minutes, and seconds) from the video as the location for the in-text citation. Add the video posted time after the date in the works cited. List the full video title in a sentence or an abbreviated title in an in-text citation at the end of the sentence.

| In-Text | In “Bernie Sanders Finally Endorses Hillary Clinton,” the Vermont senator promoted the candidacy of the front-runner, saying that he was “proud to stand with her today” (00:00:37-40).  
OR  
The Vermont senator promoted the candidacy of the front-runner, saying that he was “proud to stand with her today” (“Bernie” 00:00:37-40). |

### Corporate Author

**Note:** If the organization is both author and publisher, start the entry with the title and no author listing. Put the organization in the publisher’s spot. List the publisher information in the order provided from the source, spelling out words (e.g., United States instead of U.S.).

| In-Text | In "Firefighters," it is noted that many applicants may vie for job openings in the future, so it is helpful to earn high grades in specialized coursework.  
OR  
Many applicants may vie for job openings in the future, so it is helpful to earn high grades in specialized coursework ("Firefighters"). |