



**Roslyn High School Library  
2017 - 2018**

New MLA 8th Edition format to cite sources used for research.

MLA Handbook 8th edition (2016) provides a standard format of core elements to create citations. Compile your citations by formatting them in the correct order. Not all elements apply to all citations.

- Works Cited refers to a list of sources that are quoted, mentioned, or paraphrased in research presentation.
- Create full citations for the Works Cited list to be able to correctly state in-text references.
- Each in-text reference MUST have a corresponding citation in the works cited list.

**Core Elements of a Citation**

**Author. Title of source. Title of container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location.**

Find more information at the HS Library Website

Select: How Do I Cite Sources

**USE RHS NOODLETOOLS**

**SUBSCRIPTION OR**

**EASYBIB**

**TO HELP FORMAT YOUR CITATIONS**

This guide offers samples applying core elements to different source formats.

***The challenge is to correctly identify the core elements of your source.***

**BOOKS**

• **BOOK BY ONE AUTHOR**

Last Name, First Name. *Title*. Publisher, Year.

Ayer, Paula. *Footprints: the Story of What We Eat*. Annick Press, 2015.

• **BOOK BY MULTIPLE AUTHORS—2 & 3 +**

Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. (2)  
Last Name, First Name, et.al (3 +)

• **EDITED BOOK**

Last Name, First Name, editor. *Title*. Publisher, Year.

• **BOOK WITH NO AUTHOR—Title is first item.**

*The History of China*. Britannica, 2011.

• **MULTIVOLUME REFERENCE—2 suggestions**

Here we added volume number and location (pages).

Lewis, Thomas. *The Forties in America*. Vol. 4, Salem Press, 2011.

“NASA.” *U.S.A. Sixties*. Vol. 4, Grolier Educational, 2001, pp. 130-133.

• **CHAPTER or WORK IN ANTHOLOGY**

Last Name, First Name. “Essay.” *Title of Source*, edited by name, Publisher, year, page(s).

Plath, Sylvia. "The Colossus." *Twentieth-Century American Poetry*, edited by Dana Gioia, McGraw-Hill, 2004, p. 764.

**EBOOKS**

• **ONLINE BOOK—free from a web site**

Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*. The Century Co., 1920. *GoogleBooks*.

OR

Kipling, Rudyard. *The Jungle Book*. The Century Co., 1920. [books.google.com/books?id=hvjaaaaamaaj](https://books.google.com/books?id=hvjaaaaamaaj).

• **eBook from FolletShelf**

Schomp, Virginia. *Ancient India*. Marshall Cavendish, 2010. *FollettShelf*.

**PERIODICALS—Print & Online**

Articles can be print, online, or both. Follow format examples below.

When using databases, citations are provided.

Last Name, First Name. “Title of Article.”

*Magazine*, Day Month Year, pages.

• **MAGAZINE ARTICLE**

Reynolds, Kim. “The Apple Car.” *Motor Trend*, June 2016, pp. 38-44.

Same article—online version:

Reynolds, Kim. “The Apple Car and the Future of Self-Driving Vehicles.” *Motor Trend*, 14 April 2016, [www.motortrend.com/news/apple-car-exclusive/](http://www.motortrend.com/news/apple-car-exclusive/)

• **JOURNAL ARTICLE**

If found online, or you have a PDF, use doi number if available and not URL for location.

Rogge, Nicky. “Love is Blind: How Our Love For More Choice Costs Time.” *Psychology & Marketing*, vol. 33, no. 5, May 2016, pp. 358-361, doi:10.1002/mar.20880.

• **NEWSPAPER ARTICLE**

Diamond, Jared. “Wait, Yankees Might Have a Pulse.” *Wall Street Journal*, 16 May 2016, p. A20.

Same article—online version:

Diamond, Jared. “Wait, Yankees Might Have a Pulse.” *Wall Street Journal*, 15 May 2015, 8:48 PM, [www.wsj.com/articles/wait-the-yankees-might-have-a-pulse-1463359722](http://www.wsj.com/articles/wait-the-yankees-might-have-a-pulse-1463359722).

Adapt the examples to your periodical source.

Use database citations when possible.

Library staff would be pleased to assist.

## INTERNET CITATIONS

It may be difficult to identify citation information from web pages/sites. Gather as much information as you can to formulate a complete citation using the core elements as your guide.

### Core Elements of a Citation

**Author.**  
**Title of source.**  
**Title of container,**  
**Other contributors,**  
**Version,**  
**Number, Publisher,**  
**Publication date, Location.**

(some sources may require a second or third use of this list)

- **URL is the location for Internet resources but is optional; omit *http://* or *https//***
- **Access date is optional**

**There may be more than one way to cite your source, as represented by the following:**

"Today in History." *Library of Congress*, 2016, [ww.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-13/?loclr=twloc](http://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-13/?loclr=twloc). Accessed 15 Sept. 2016.

Library of Congress. "The Star-Spangled Banner." *Today in History - September 13*, 2016, [www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-13/?loclr=twloc](http://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/september-13/?loclr=twloc).

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## In-Text Citations (Parenthetical Reference)

**In-text or parenthetical citation directs readers to the full citations for sources in a Works Cited page.**

To avoid plagiarism one must reference a source when using thoughts or words as a direct quote, paraphrase, or discussion in one's writing. Unless stating your personal opinion, drawing conclusions, or writing creative material, all facts, background data and ideas come from some place and must be acknowledged.

### FORMULATE COMPLETE CITATIONS TO BE ABLE TO CITE IN-TEXT REFERENCES

- **Refer to the author's name in the text, and put the page number in parentheses.**  
Smith states that the growth of cities was an integral part of the nation's economic development (47).
- **Include the author's name with the page number if you have not mentioned it in your text.**  
The growth of cities was in integral part of the nation's economic development (Hays 47).
- **If there is no author, use the first word of the title in quotation marks followed by the page(s)** ("Chronicle" 8-9).
- **If there are several works by one author, include the first word from the title (or more if needed to further identify the source)** (Nardo, "Ancient" 94).
- **A web address or URL is NEVER correct for in-text citation.**

*NoodleTools and EasyBib  
can also assist with in-text citations.*

## Sample Works Cited Must Look Like This to be Correct

- **Arrange Citations in Alphabetical Order** by the first word of each entry: an author last name or title.
- **Indent the Second Line** and each subsequent line one tab or 5 spaces.
- **Double-Space** the entire list, between and within entries.
- **URL** or web address is **never** correct for a citation.

### Works Cited

Ayer, Paula. *Foodprints: the Story of What We Eat*.

Annick Press, 2015.

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