MLA-9 Works-Cited-List Entries

Entries in the works-cited list are created and assembled in a specific order composed of facts common to most works, also known as the MLA core elements—facts common to most sources, like author, title, and publication date.

MLA Practice Template

To learn how to use the MLA practice template to create entries in the list of works cited, click the ‘MLA Practice Template’ link above. Then, evaluate the work you’re citing to see which elements apply to the source and list each element relevant to your source in the order given on the template.

Containers

The concept of containers is crucial to MLA style. When the source being documented forms part of a larger whole, the larger whole can be thought of as a container that holds the source. For example, a movie may be contained on a streaming service. The movie is the source, and the streaming service is the container.

Citations by Format:

The examples below show you how to cite five basic source types. Click on an entry to get more information, as well as links to posts with more examples.

Books

Book by One Author

Book by an Unknown Author

An Edited Book

Online Works

Article on a website

Book on a website

Journal Article in a Database
**Songs, Recordings, and Performances**

**Song from an Album**  

**Song on a website**  

**Concert Attended in Person**  

**Movies, Videos, and Television Shows**

**A Movie Viewed in Person**  

**A Movie Viewed Online**  

**A Television Show Viewed on Physical Media**  

**Images**

**A Photograph Viewed in Person**  
Cameron, Julia Margaret. *Alfred, Lord Tennyson*. 1866, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City.

**A Painting Viewed Online**  

**An Untitled Image from a Print Magazine**  