Three Example Citations in MLA 8th Edition Format

Note: For a book, always get your citation information from the front and back of the title page. (The back of the title page is called the “verso.”)

Example I: Parts of an MLA, 8th ed. citation for a book; pay close attention to the punctuation required after each element in the following citation.

Author, Last Name First.


Name of book publisher

Abbreviations are used for names of publishers. University and Press above is abbreviated to U and P – if the publisher was Columbia University Press, then it would be abbreviated to: Columbia UP.

Date the book was published. If several dates appear, use the most recent date.

Title of Book: Include Subtitle of Work (italicize)
Example II: Parts of an MLA, 8th ed. citation for a journal article retrieved from a database; pay close attention to the punctuation required after each element in the following citation.


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Example III: Parts of an MLA, 8th ed. citation for a web page; pay close attention to the punctuation required after each element in the following citation.

NOTE: If a web page has an author, the citation would start with the author’s last name. (Smith, John.)