

# MLA Citation Examples --this is for MLA 8<sup>th</sup> Edition

## New for 8<sup>th</sup> Edition → MLA “Core Elements” & “Containers”

	Core Elements	Example
<b>Source</b> (the novel, article, poem, video, essay, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Author(s).</li> <li>2) Title of source.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Lorensen, Jutta.</li> <li>2) “Between Image and Word, Color, and Time: Jacob Lawrence’s <i>The Migration Series</i>.”</li> </ol>
<b>Container 1</b> (the book, journal, magazine, newspaper, etc. that “contains” the source—by itself or collected together with other sources)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Title of container,</li> <li>2) Other contributors,</li> <li>3) Version,</li> <li>4) Number,</li> <li>5) Publisher,</li> <li>6) Publication date,</li> <li>7) Location.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>African American Review</i>,</li> <li>2)</li> <li>3)</li> <li>4) vol. 40, no. 3,</li> <li>5)</li> <li>6) 2006,</li> <li>7) pp. 571-86.</li> </ol>
<b>Container 2 (if applicable)</b> (the database, website, etc. that “contains” Container 1)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Title of container,</li> <li>2) Other contributors,</li> <li>3) Version,</li> <li>4) Number,</li> <li>5) Publisher,</li> <li>6) Publication date,</li> <li>7) Location.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <i>EbscoHost</i>,</li> <li>2)</li> <li>3)</li> <li>4)</li> <li>5)</li> <li>6)</li> <li>7) yulib002.mc.yu.edu:8443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=edsjsr&amp;AN=edsjsr.40027390&amp;site=edslive&amp;scope=site.</li> </ol>
<b>Final citation entry (scholarly journal article):</b>	Lorensen, Jutta. “Between Image and Word, Color, and Time: Jacob Lawrence’s <i>The Migration Series</i> .” <i>African American Review</i> , vol. 40, no. 3, 2006, pp. 571-86. <i>EbscoHost</i> , yulib002.mc.yu.edu: 8443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edsjsr&AN=edsjsr.40027390&site=edslive&scope=site.	

## Other Examples

<b>Book with 1 author</b>	Harris, Andrew. <i>Broadway Theatre</i> . Routledge, 1994.
<b>Book with 2 or more authors</b>	Locker, Kitty, and Stephen Kaczmarek. <i>Business Communication: Building Critical Skills</i> . McGraw-Hill, 2010.
<b>Magazine/Newspaper Article</b>	Pogrebin, Robin. “Mayor Intervenes in Theater Strike.” <i>New York Times</i> , 11 Mar. 2003, nytimes.com/2003/03/11/us/the-theater-walkout-overview-mayor-intervenes-in-theater-strike.html.
<b>Single Chapter/Essay from an Edited Book</b>	Le Gallienne, Eva. “On Repertory and Audiences.” <i>American Theatre Reader: Essays and Conversations from American Theatre Magazine</i> , edited by American Theatre Magazine Staff, Theatre Communications Group, 2009, pp. 29-31.
<b>Page of a Website</b>	Simonson, Robert. “When Did Broadway Shows Start Offering Sunday Performances?” <i>Playbill.com</i> , Playbill Inc., 4 Apr. 2011, playbill.com/article/ask-playbillcom-when-did-broadway-shows-start-offering-sunday-performances-com-177711.

# Using MLA Documentation

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

APA Format	MLA Format
Lorensen, J. (2006). Between image and word, color, and time: Jacob Lawrence's <i>The migration series</i> . <i>African American Review</i> , 40(3), 571-86. Retrieved from <a href="https://yulib002.mc.yu.edu:8443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=edsjrs&amp;AN=edsjrs.40027390&amp;site=edslive&amp;scope=site">https://yulib002.mc.yu.edu:8443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=edsjrs&amp;AN=edsjrs.40027390&amp;site=edslive&amp;scope=site</a> .	Lorensen, Jutta. "Between Image and Word, Color, and Time: Jacob Lawrence's <i>The Migration Series</i> ." <i>African American Review</i> , vol. 40, no. 3, 2006, pp. 571-86. <i>EbscoHost</i> , yulib002.mc.yu.edu:8443/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=edsjrs&AN=edsjrs.40027390&site=edslive&scope=site.

Citation is not just for quotations:

Quotation	"One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish" (Geisel 1).
Paraphrase	Theodore Seuss Geisel, writing as Dr. Seuss, wrote that there are two fish and that some are red and some are blue (1).
Summary	There are many fish in the sea and they have diverse characteristics (Geisel 1).

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>

Citation Style: MLA (Modern Language Association)