

MLA Handbook (8th edition)

MLA Handbook has consolidated entries into containers, making works cited structure easier to follow. Fill in the blanks with all available and pertinent information. Disregard empty blanks. The examples listed after the blanks are not exhaustive.

Two Significant Changes

The publisher's city is not used unless the book was published before 1900. Such works "are conventionally associated with their cities of publication." If a work has been published in a different country and in that work there are significant differences, citing the city would be helpful. Providing the city "might help a reader locate a text released by an unfamiliar publisher located outside North America." For works published prior to 1900, that have no publisher, "give the city of publication in place of the publisher's name" (51). Use a comma after the city name, not a colon.

The URL is now required unless an instructor wants it omitted. But you can now divide a URL any place and we no longer use angle brackets.

THE CONTAINER LIST

AUTHOR. _____ (or other option: Smith, Joe, director. / Lee, Ann, editor.)
TITLED OF SOURCE. _____ ("article"/"story"/"poem"/book/movie/newspaper/TV show/etc.)
Container 1
TITLE OF CONTAINER, _____ (book/periodical/website/film/TV series)
OTHER CONTRIBUTORS, _____ (director/editor/illustrator/narrator/translator)¹
VERSION, _____ (2nd ed./revised ed./version 1.3/director's cut, newspaper edition)
NUMBER, _____ (vol. 28, no. 1/no. 98/season 4, episode 10)
PUBLISHER, _____ (Oxford UP/RKO Pictures/Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh)²
PUBLICATION DATE, _____ (1 Apr. 2016/Jan.-Feb. 2015/1999)³
LOCATION. _____ (p. 89/pp. 89-94/pp. 182-83/URL/DOI/disc 3/
Museum of Modern Art, New York)⁴

Container 2

TITLE OF CONTAINER, _____ (a digital library/listserve/Hulu/JSTOR)
OTHER CONTRIBUTORS, _____
VERSION, _____
NUMBER, _____
PUBLISHER, _____
PUBLICATION DATE, _____
LOCATION. _____

Access dates for online sources go after the URL. The date would look like this: Accessed 23 July 2016.

1. Do not abbreviate: edited by John K. Reeves OR Translated by Lydia Cochrane. Capitalize when the term follows a period.
If the term clarifies someone who takes the place of the author, do this: Newcomb, Horace, editor.
2. If two or more publishers contributed equally, list them both with a forward slash between them: Folger Shakespeare Library / Bodleian Libraries, U of Oxford / Harry Ransom Center, U of Texas, Austin, manifoldgreatness.org.
3. If pertinent, the date could include the time: 2 May 2014, 1:25 p.m.
4. DOI = digital object identifiers. The DOI stays with source even if the URL changes. doi:10.1353/pmc.2000.0021
For URLs, drop the http://, remove the hyperlink, and include the final forward slash. www.elwoodeeducation.com/