From the eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook*, “we shift our focus from a prescriptive list of formats to the overarching purpose of source documentation: enabling readers to participate fully in the conversations between writers and their sources” (xii).

“Each entry in the list of works cited is made up of core elements given in a specific order ... The core elements of any entry in the work-cited list are given below in the order in which they should appear. ... Each element is followed by the punctuation mark shown unless it is the final element, which should end with a period” (*MLA Handbook* 20).

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For additional and more-detailed information, consult the *MLA Handbook Eighth Edition* located at the Information Commons and the research guide *Citing Electronic Information – MLA Documentation Style*.

Dr. Jo Koster from the Winthrop English Department has created an online presentation titled *The New MLA Style*, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acHq0ecLxVA&feature=youtu.be
MLA suggests that “The goals of the in-text citation are brevity and clarity, guiding the reader as unobtrusively as possible to the corresponding entry in the works-cited list (116).” For more information and examples, refer to pages 54-58 and pages 116-127 in the 8th edition of the MLA Handbook.

All information on the Works Cited page is alphabetized and double-spaced. Begin each entry flush with the left margin and indent any subsequent lines five spaces.

**Examples for the Works Cited Page**

**Citing Books by an Individual Author**

**Citing Books by Two or More Authors**

**Work in an Anthology or Collection**

**Article in a Reference Work**

**Article in a Scholarly Journal**
**Article in a Magazine**


**Article in a Newspaper**

**Video or film**

**Web Page**