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**CORE ELEMENTS OF CITATION FORMATTING**

1. Author.
2. Title of Source.
3. Title of Container, if present.
4. Other Contributors, if present.
5. Version, if present.
6. Number, if present.
7. Publisher.
8. Publication Date, if present.
9. Location, if present.

**FORMATTING CONSIDERATIONS**

**ONE AUTHOR**
Lehrer, Jonah.

**TWO AUTHORS**
Iliinsky, Noah and Julie Steele.

**THREE OR MORE AUTHORS**
Smith, Jane, et al.

**CORPORATE AUTHOR**
Microsoft Corporation.

**EDITOR OR COMPILER**
Tomalin, Claire, editor.

**CONTAINER TITLES**
Are titles of books, journals, magazines, newspapers, websites, etc.
*To Kill a Mockingbird*

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Are titles of articles, book chapters, web pages, TV episodes, etc.
“Pokémon Has Kids on the Move.”

**BOOK**
The book’s title is considered the Title of Container (3) and should be italicized.


**CHAPTER IN A BOOK**

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**MAGAZINE**

**NEWSPAPER**

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OTHER SOURCE TYPES

BLOG POST

ONLINE VIDEO

PODCAST

TWEET / TWITTER
@MediaShiftOrg. "How Will Facebook’s Algorithm Changes Impact Your Newsroom?” Twitter, 12 July 2016, 3:35 a.m., twitter.com/MediaShiftOrg/status/752813655247519744.

DIGITAL IMAGE

EMAIL

TV SHOW, SINGLE EPISODE

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT

CITING WITHIN YOUR DOCUMENT (In-Text Citing)

UNKNOWN AUTHOR
In Chicana/o struggles for education: Activism in the community it becomes clear… (13). This myth continues to perpetuate throughout history… (Chicana/o 13).

KNOWN AUTHOR(S)
One author
Numerous studies replicated these results utilizing the same methods... (Wonka 20). William Wonka replicated these results utilizing the same methods... (20).

Two authors
During the 1960s, On the Road by Jack Kerouac was cited as significant and influential... (Magnum and Higgins 87). Thomas Magnum and Jonathan Higgins showed the significance of... (87).

Three or more authors
The highly sensitive experiment was replicated repeatedly and indicated... (Smith et al. 11). John Smith et al. indicated... (11).

CORPORATE/GOVERNMENT AUTHOR
The United States Center for Disease Control classified Ebola as... (241). The virus Ebola is classified as... (United States, CDC 241).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
Citing Sources - MLA
guides.library.illinoisstate.edu/citing/mla
MLA Style Center
style.mla.org
Purdue OWL - MLA Guide
owl.english.purdue.edu