Citing Sources: Using MLA 8th Edition

Books / Government Documents

**Basic Format - Books:**
Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, date of publication.

- **Book with one author:**

- **Book with two authors:**

- **Government document:**

**Electronic Books**

**Basic Format - E-books:**
Author. *Title of the Book*. Publisher, date of publication. *Name of Database*, doi/URL.

- **Basic e-book:**

- **Google Books:**

- **Basic Format - Article / chapter from edited e-books:**
  Author. “*Article Title.*” *Title of the Book*, editor, publisher, date of publication, page numbers. *Name of Database*, doi/URL.

  Use “DOI or permalink, if available; otherwise, shortened URL of database.”

- **Gale Virtual Reference Library database - Chapter:**

**Electronic Periodicals (from library databases)**

**Basic Format - Electronic periodicals from library databases:**
Use the same formats as print periodicals, but also add:

- **Name of Database, doi/URL** (The DOI is always preferable if the article has both.)

  Use “DOI or permalink, if available; otherwise, shortened URL of database.”

**Example - Journal article from library database:**
- Author. “*Article Title.*” *Journal Title*, volume, number, data, page numbers. *Name of Database*, doi/URL.
Electronic Periodicals (from library databases) Examples

- **EBSCOhost database** - Journal article – with DOI:

- **EBSCOhost database** - Weekly magazine article:

**Web Sources**

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- **Short work from Web site** – No date – Publisher omitted because same as title of site:

- **Short work from Web site** – Author unknown:

- **Email**:
  Sanders, Jonathan. “Question about Thanksgiving.” Received by Lauren Shaeffer, 17 Nov. 2005.

- **Government document**:

- **Online video clip**:

**Media / Non-Print Sources**

- **DVD**:

- **Online image – photo:** (“Add the label “Photograph” at the end if it is not clear.”)

- **Photo / illustration from print source**:

- **Work of art**:

**Personal Interview**

- **Personal Interview**
  Smith, Jane. Personal interview. 19 May 2018


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