MLA Core Elements
MLA 8th Edition incorporates the use of the following Core Elements for creating citations no matter the source. Elements 3-9 may be repeated as necessary should an item be located in more than one container, such as an article in a journal (Container 1) located in a database (Container 2).

1. Author. Ex.: Author, editor, director

2. Title of source. Book title, article title, title of episode, web page title

3. Title of container, Book title, journal title, title of TV series, title of newspaper

4. Other contributors, Editor, compiler, translator

5. Version, Edition

6. Number, Volume and issue (using vol. #, no. #)

7. Publisher, Publisher, production company

8. Publication date, Date (using the format 31 June 2016)

9. Location. Page number (using p. or pp.), stable URL, DVD disk number

Note about italics and quotation marks: if the SOURCE is part of a larger work (i.e.: an article in a database or a chapter in a book), it is placed in quotation marks. However, if the SOURCE is self-contained (i.e. a book), it is italicized.

Think of the SOURCE and the CONTAINER as the part and the whole. If there is a part, it is in quotation marks and the whole is in italics. If there is only a whole, it is italicized.

Major Changes
- Page numbers are designated with pp.
- Vol. and no. are now spelled out.
- Permanent URLs (omitting http:// or https://)
- Omitted:
  - Place of publication
  - Medium (print or web)
  - Date of access

In-Text Citations
For most entries, the in-text citation is composed of the first element in the entry (typically Author's last name) and page number(s) used, if applicable. If more than one author with the same name exists in the works cited list, include the first initial (V. Griffin 323).

If the source uses paragraph numbers instead of pages, precede the relevant number(s) with the abbreviation par. or pars. (Smith, par.12)

For audio or video recordings, use the time or time range in hours, minutes and seconds, separating the numbers with colons (“Gotham” 00:07:18-44).
**MLA: Guide for Works Cited list and Parenthetical Notes (continued)**

Note: For database articles, include the identifying link (sometimes called a “permalink”) if required by your instructor. Date of access on electronic sources should be included if your instructor requires it.

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