

# Writing a Bibliography



When writing research papers, you may be asked to follow a particular style guide for your citations. One of the most popular style guides is the *Modern Language Association (MLA) Handbook*.

The eighth edition of the *MLA Handbook* specifies **nine main elements** for any citation. These nine elements should always appear in this order, and with this punctuation:

**Author. Title of the source. Title of the container, Other contributors, Version, Number, Publisher, Publication date, Location. Date of access.**

If a citation element does not apply to the type of work being cited, or if the information is missing, that element is simply left out. Be sure to indent anything after the first line. Here are some examples of how these citations can look:

Format (book)	Author. <i>Title of the source</i> . Publisher, Publication date.
Example	Stevenson, Robert Louis. <i>Treasure Island</i> . Signet Classic, 1998.

Format (online article)	Authors. "Title of the source." <i>Title of the container</i> , Publisher, Publication date, Location. Date of access.
Example	Rubio, Paul, and Alex Erdekian. "The Best East Coast Road Trips to Take This Year." <i>Condé Nast Traveler</i> , Condé Nast, 28 July 2020, <a href="http://www.cntraveler.com/gallery/the-best-east-coast-road-trips">www.cntraveler.com/gallery/the-best-east-coast-road-trips</a> . Accessed 9 September 2020.

Use the information below to create a bibliographic citation for each source.

1. A book titled *The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen* by authors Sean Sherman and Beth Dooley, published in 2017 by University of Minnesota Press.

*Sherman, Sean, and Beth Dooley. The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen. University of Minnesota Press, 2017.*

2. An article written by Ricardo Álvarez and Fábio Duarte titled "Spatial Design and Placemaking: Learning From Video Games" in vol. 21, no. 3 of the journal *Space and Culture*, published by SAGE Publications on 10 November, 2017.

*Álvarez, Ricardo, and Fábio Duarte. "Spatial Design and Placemaking: Learning From Video Games." Space and Culture,*

*vol. 21, no. 3, SAGE Publications, 10 November 2017.*

3. An online blog post titled "There and Back Again: A Turtle Biologist's Tale" written by Jan Willem Staman for the website *NOAA Fisheries*, published on 29 August 2019, and accessed on 27 December 2019. Website address: [www.fisheries.noaa.gov/science-blog/there-and-back-again-turtle-biologists-tale](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/science-blog/there-and-back-again-turtle-biologists-tale)

*Staman, Jan Willem. "There and Back Again: A Turtle Biologist's Tale." NOAA Fisheries, 29 August 2019.*

*[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/science-blog/there-and-back-again-turtle-biologists-tale](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/science-blog/there-and-back-again-turtle-biologists-tale). Accessed 27 December 2019.*

★ Use this page as a guide to help you create your own citations as you research your topic!