A Visual Guide to Citing Online and Digital Sources in MLA 7

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Newspaper - A daily or weekly publication that contains news often featuring articles on political events, crime, business, art, entertainment, society and sports.

Citing newspaper content published online:

Structure: Last, First M. “Article Title.” Website Title. Website Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed. <URL>.*

*Note: URL is optional. Consult your teacher.

Date accessed: This is the day that you found and read the content.

Blog - A regularly updated website including articles, comments, reviews or interviews. *Blogs are not always reviewed for authority or impartiality. Make sure to evaluate them for credibility!

Structure: Last, First M. “Article Title.” Blog Post Type.* Website/Blog Title. Website Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed.

* “Blog post type” refers to what type of content you are using. Is it a standard blog on a website, an audio blog (podcast) or a vlog (video blog)?

**Note: MLA7 does not require the URL/link in a website citation. However, some instructors still ask for it – double-check if your instructor requires it.

![Screenshot of FiveThirtyEight article](image)

Website publisher
Website / blog title
Date published
Article title
Author

Date accessed: This is the day that the article was found and read.

Citing an online clip or video

Structure: Author's name/Poster's username. “Title of Video.” Online video clip. 
Name of Website. Name of Website’s publisher, date posted. Web. 
Date accessed.

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**E-book** - Written work or composition that has been digitized and is readable through computers or e-readers (Kindles, iPads, nooks etc.).

**Citing an e-book:**


*Note: MLA7 does not require the publisher’s state in an e-book citation. If the edition, volume or series is not available leave it out.*

Website: A collection of informational pages on the Internet that typically include an article title, author and publisher.

Citing a website with an author:

Structure: Last, First M. “Article Title.” Website Title. Website Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed.

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Website publisher: Often found at the bottom of the website. Can also be located under the About Us section of a website. If you can’t identify a publisher, a quick search online can help you identify it.

Date accessed: This is the day that the article was found and read.

Website: A collection of informational pages on the Internet that typically include an article title, author and publisher.

Citing a website with no author:

*Depending on the content, credible websites do not always include authors.

Structure: “Website Article.” Website Title. Website Publisher, Date Month Year Published. Web. Date Month Year Accessed.

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Website title

Article title

Author: N/A
When no author is identified, leave it out of the citation.

Publication date

Website publisher: Often found at the bottom of the website.

Date accessed: This is the day that the article was found and read.