MLA Quick Use Guide

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Here is an overview of the process:

When deciding how to cite your source, start by consulting the list of core elements. These are the general pieces of information that MLA suggests including in each Works Cited entry. In your citation, the elements should be listed in the following order:

1. Author(s).
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors, (e.g. editor, translator)
5. Version, (e.g. edition)
6. Number, (vol., no.)
7. Publisher, (or sponsor)
8. Publication date,
9. Location. (page number(s), doi, permalink or url without http://)
10. Optional (access date)

Each element should be followed by the punctuation mark shown here. In the current version, punctuation is simpler (just commas and periods separate the elements), and information about the source is kept to the basics.

If your source has more than one container, fill in the core elements for the second, or third container after #9 (See example 3 below)

