Examples of Citations for MLA Style 2016 Eighth Edition for ELECTRONIC Sources

Definitely, *The MLA Handbook* (Eighth Edition) 2016 by the Modern Language Association of America has been revised from the 2009 Seventh Edition. There is some information that is open to interpretation in the 2016 eighth edition of the MLA style for citing and that is especially true for electronic sources. As with other editions, there will be colleges and departments that will interpret how to cite MLA, as well as other styles such as APA, DIFFERENTLY. If you have any questions, then PLEASE contact your teacher for more information on how the teacher may want you to cite sources.

Included are examples of how to cite “In-Text” (parenthetical citations) if you cite the source in the body of the paper.

One of the major changes when it comes to electronic and web sources is that it is recommended to include the URL or DOI (Direct Object Identifier) in the citation. However, many articles will NOT list a DOI. You can use www in the URL, but eliminate https://. You can provide the date of access but it is not required. Hopefully, the following examples will help with citing electronic sources according to the new *MLA Handbook*.

**DATABASES**

**EBSCO Database Magazine Article**


*Readers' Guide Full Text Mega,*

search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=


**Example of In-Text Citation:** (Labos 50).

PLEASE NOTE: The EBSCO database contains a variety of individual subject databases that lead you to magazine and journal articles. Usually, a record for the citation will indicate which subject database has the article or citation. In this instance, “Readers’ Guide Full Text Mega” has this article. If there is no DOI listed, usually, EBSCO offers a “Permalink” that can be used to access the article if you logged into the EBSCO database. [search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=rgm&AN=111561152&site=ehost-live](search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=rgm&AN=111561152&site=ehost-live) is one such permalink.
**EBSCO Database Journal Article**


**Example of In-Text Citation:** (Ducatti 97).

**Gale/InfoTrac Database Magazine Article**


*General OneFile*. go.galegroup.com/ps/i.do?id=GALE%7CA440821659&v=2.1&u=lom_deltacoll&it=r&p=GPS&sw=w&asid=

9bf9003d786b315d93894d4301b25263.

**Example of In-Text Citation:** (Labos 50).

**Gale/InfoTrac Database Journal Article**


**Example of In-Text Citation:** (Piotrowski 377).
**ERIC (Online) Governmental Database**

Vacca, James S. “Autistic Children Can Be Taught to Read.”

*International Journal of Special Education*, vol.22, no. 3,

Example of In-Text Citation: (Vacca 55).

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**JSTOR Database (with DOI)**


Example of In-Text Citation: (Ellingsen 30).

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**Sources ON the WEB**

There are many articles from journals, magazines, and newspapers available on the Web. They are not in any free or fee-based databases.

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**Article from an Online Journal**


Example of In-Text Citation: (Shah and Ahmad 120).
Article from an Online Newspaper

Example of In-Text Citation:  (Small and Tatalias 5)

Book (eBook) Online

*Good Reads Are Here*, www.goodreadsarehere/familyman.

Example of In-Text Citation:  (Coltrane).

Email Messages
Mattley, Michael. “Re: Meeting this afternoon.” Received by Michele Jenkins, 5 May 2016.

Example of In-Text Citation:  (Mattley).

These examples are based on *The MLA Handbook* Eighth Edition (Reference LB 2369 .G53 2016) and The Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL).

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