

# MLA 8th Edition Reference Guide

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## Examples of MLA Citations

### Book, single author

Bouchard, Elizabeth. *Everything You Need to Know About Edgar Allan Poe*. Rosen, 1992.

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein*. Edited by Maurice Hindle, Penguin Books, 1992.

### Book, two authors

Gee, Henry, and Luis V. Rey. *A Field Guide to Dinosaurs*. Barron's, 2003.

## Book, three or more authors

Dingus, Lowell, et al. *Dinosaur Eggs Discovered!* Twenty-First Century Books, 2008.

## Chapter or Section of a book

"*Call of the Wild.*" *Novels for Students*, edited by Marie Rose Napierkowski and Deborah A. Stanley, vol. 8, Gale Group, 2000, pp. 42-52.

"Dylan Thomas." *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, edited by Paula K. Byers, 2nd ed., vol. 15, Gale, 1998, pp. 188-190.

Franklin, Benjamin. "Anne Bradstreet." *Colonization to the American Renaissance, 1640-1865*, edited by C. E. Frazer Clark, Jr., Gale, 1988, pp. 2-9.

Lorenz, Janet. "Jane Austen." *Magill's Survey of World Literature*, edited by Frank N. Magill, vol. 1, Marshall Cavendish, 1993, pp. 110-119.

Relman, Arnold S. "What Market Values Are Doing to Medicine." *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Business Ethics and Society*, edited by Lisa H. Newton and Maureen M. Ford, 4th ed., Duskin, 1996, pp. 24-32.

## Book, editor as author

Bloom, Harold, editor. *John Cheever*. Chelsea House, 2004.

## Article from a Database (2 containers)

Dave, R. A. "'To Kill a Mockingbird': Harper Lee's Tragic Vision." *DISCovering Authors*, 2003. *Student Resources in Context*, [ic.galegroup.com](http://ic.galegroup.com).

"Plot Summary: *Wuthering Heights*." *DISCovering Authors*, Gale, 2003. *Student Resources in Context*, [ic.galegroup.com](http://ic.galegroup.com).

Rebala, Monika, and Sara Miller Llana. "Trending conservative, Poland considers tighter abortion laws." *The Christian Century*, vol. 133, no. 11, 25 May 2016, pp.17+. *Student Resources in Context*, [ic.galegroup.com](http://ic.galegroup.com).

## Article from an Ebook (2 containers)

"*To Kill a Mockingbird*." *Novels for Students*, edited by Diane Telgen, vol. 2, Gale, 1997, pp. 285-307. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*, [go.galegroup.com](http://go.galegroup.com).

## Website

Cao, Rachel. "How 'Pokemon Go' is Helping Kids with Autism and Asperger's." *Cnn.com*, [www.cnn.com/2016/08/05/health/pokemon-go-autism-aspergers/index.html](http://www.cnn.com/2016/08/05/health/pokemon-go-autism-aspergers/index.html). Accessed 7 June 2015.

## For additional examples see:

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