

# Modern Language Association ~ MLA

Since citing a source is about being able to find and reference the original source, MLA changed its citation "rules" to an easier and basic format that addresses the principles of documenting sources.

The MLA8 Style Guide now just asks that you list as many of the 8 core elements that should be common to all publications:

- Author,
- Title of Source,
- Title of Container,
- Other Contributors (editors, etc),
- Version Number (or edition),
- Publisher,
- Publication Date,
- Location (page, volume, etc).

Last name, First name. "Title of Story." *Title of Container*, Editor(s), Version, Publisher, Location.

## **Brighton High School EXAMPLE for a story within the MyPerspectives Language Arts Text:**

An Anthology Textbook, such as in the case of the Language Arts MyPerspectives Textbooks, require that you list the author and story in which you are referencing. Do not just reference the anthology as a whole.

### **PHYSICAL VERSION OF BOOK**

The MLA8 Citation for a book follows the yellow highlighted example above. Since your MyPerspectives Textbook is an Anthology (collection of works), you will need to add more information.

For Example, if you read the story of Edgar Allen Poe's *The Fall of the House of Usher* from your physical copy of MyPerspectives Grade 10 book, your works cited for that story would look like this:

Poe, Edgar. "The Fall of the House of Usher." *MyPerspectives Grade 10*, Student Edition Volume 1, Savvas Learning, 2017, pp 7.

### **ONLINE VERSION OF BOOK**

The MLA8 Citation for an e-book (or Textbook Anthology) closely resembles that of the physical book—simply indicate that the book in question is an e-book by

- 1) putting the term "e-book" OR
- 2) putting the "ebook reader device"

in the "version" slot of the MLA template (i.e., after the author, the title of the source, the title of the container, and the names of any other contributors).

Since the MyPerspectives books are formatted specifically for reading with an e-book reader device (e.g., Savvas Realize Reader) MLA considers it an "e-book." Think of it as an online book that does not have a URL; therefore, any citation from MyPerspectives will look like this:

Poe, Edgar. "The Fall of the House of Usher." *MyPerspectives Grade 10*, Savvas Realize Reader, 2020, pp 7.

(Note-- The Editor Information has been left off because it is not readily available.)

See [Purdue Owl's Writing Center](#) for a detailed Style Guide.