

# MLA 9th Edition

## Reference Guide for Creating source cards

In April 2021, the Modern Language Association updated their citation format. The ninth edition brings few changes –students will continue look for the nine core elements to cite a source correctly. \*\*Look for all nine elements when citing a source, but make note that not all nine will be found with every source. If you don't find an element, move on to the next.

Below are some samples of different sources in the MLA 9<sup>th</sup> edition format. By the label, the number in parenthesis refers to element chart on the right. →



<b>1. Author.</b>	Last name, first name. More than one (et al)	Ex – Twain, Mark. Ex – Hubbard, Mary, et al.
<b>2. Title of source.</b>	Section or part of an entire source. **Usually set off by quotes.	Ex – “Unplugging the Selfie Generation.”
<b>3. Container,</b> **if no title of source, container is followed by a period instead of a comma	Title of the entire source (book, magazine, website). Set off with <i>italics</i> if typed, <u>underline</u> if hand-written	Ex – <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> . Ex – <i>National Geographic</i> , Ex – <i>Biography.com</i> ,
<b>4. Contributors,</b>	Editors, Narrators, Translators, etc. Names – first last	Ex – edited by Steven G. Kellman, Ex – directed by Robert Redford,
<b>5. Version,</b>	Magazines, newspapers, journal publications, multi-volume books	Ex – 4 <sup>th</sup> ed., Ex – Vol. 4,
<b>6. Number,</b>		Ex – No. 3,
<b>7. Publisher,</b> *omit if same as container	Publisher or sponsor of website	Ex – Salem Press, Ex – Gale Research,
<b>8. Publication date</b>	Year or full date	Ex – 2007, Ex – 3 Mar. 2015,
<b>9. Location.</b>	Page number(s) for print URL for website	Ex – p. 4. Ex – pp. 54-67. Ex – <a href="http://www.biography.com">www.biography.com</a> Ex – <i>Proquest</i> , <a href="http://www.proquest.com">www.proquest.com</a>

## (Entire) Book

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*. Scribner, 1925.

Author's name (1)      Container (3)      Publisher (7)      Publication date (8)

## (Section or part of a) Book

Twain, Mark. "The Cave." *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Penguin Books, 1884, pp. 58-61.

Author's name (1)      Title of source (2)      Container (3)      Publisher (7)      Location (9)      Publication date (8)

\*\*Note – if you are using the entire book as a source, do not include the page number(s) in the citation.

\*\*If you only use a section from a book, include the page numbers.

A single page (p. 4)

Multiple pages (pp.34-43)

## Reference Book/Anthology (Section/part of a book)

Shuman, R. Baird. "Ernest Hemingway." *Magill's Survey of American Literature*, edited by Steven G. Kellman, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Salem Press, 2017, pp. 1068-1078.

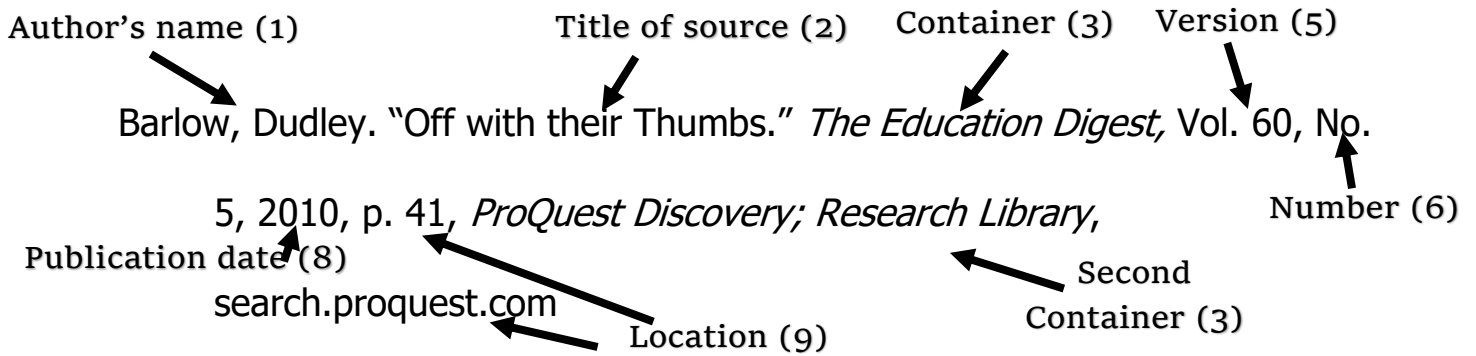
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## Magazine

McNeil, Liz. "Robert Sundhom: A Natural-Born Artist." *People*, Vol. 87, No. 4, 23 Jan. 2021, p. 103.

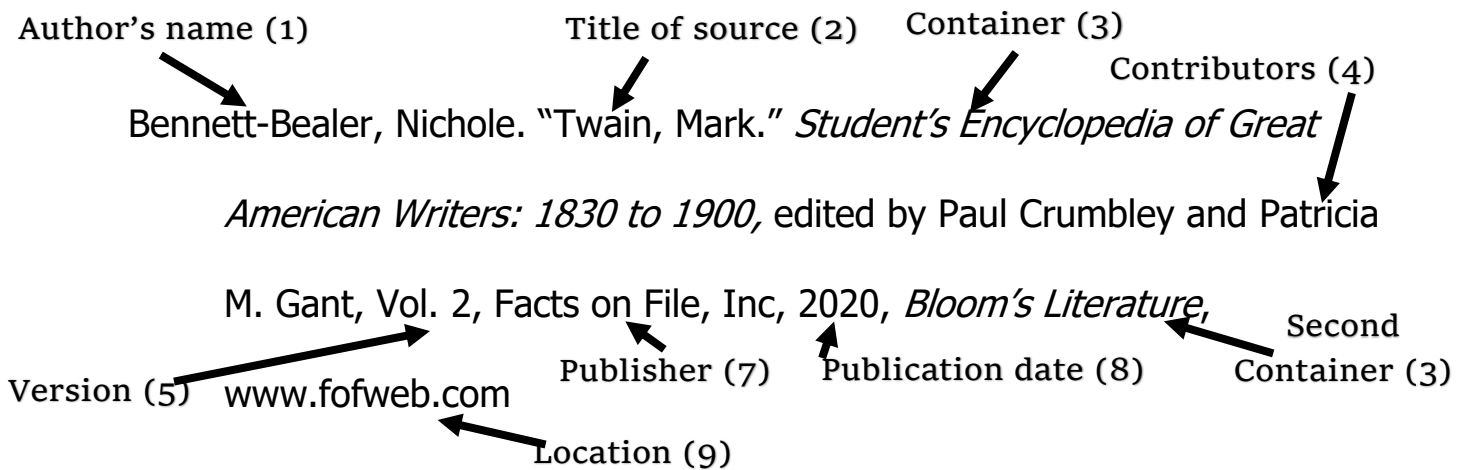
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## Website examples (database)

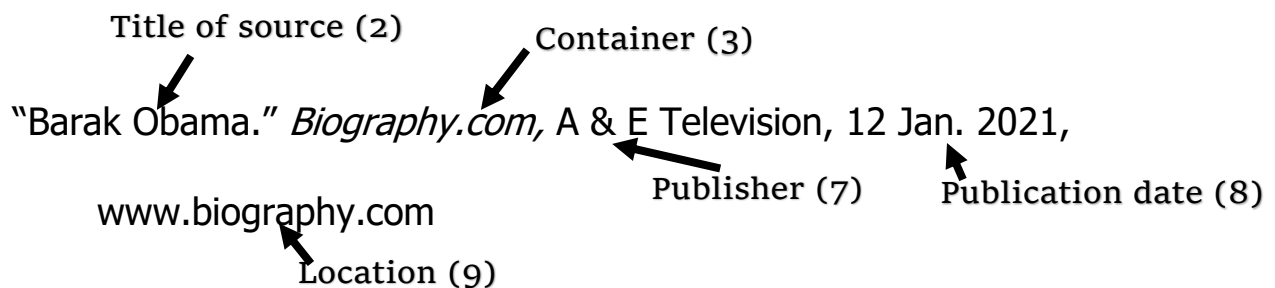


\*\*Note – the location for this website example shows both a print location (p.41) as well as the name of the database (*ProQuest*) and URL. This is because the source (*The Education Digest*) is a magazine/scholarly journal that was printed as well as found online.

## Website examples (database)



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