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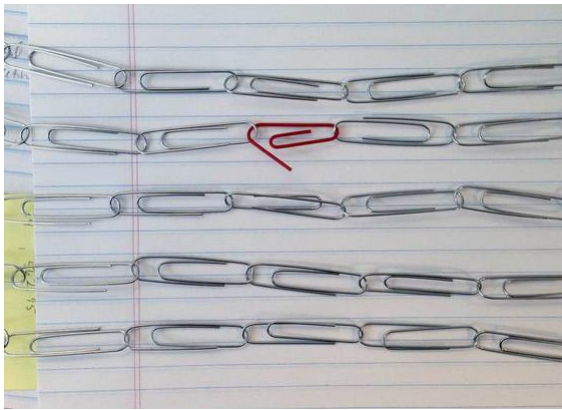


3 Changes to MLA Style You May Have Missed

If you're reading this, you probably already know that the MLA now recommends a universal set of guidelines for citing any source and asks writers to focus on a source's core elements—rather than its format—to create a works-cited-list entry. But what else has changed in the eighth edition of the handbook?

- Common terms in the works-cited list like *editor*, *edited by*, *translator*, and *review of* are now spelled out, to make entries more readable.
- Toward the same end, we recommend identifying issues of scholarly journals with, for instance, “vol. 64, no. 1” rather than “64.1.”
- When the title of a periodical begins with an article (*A*, *An*, *The*), the article is now treated as part of the title: the article is italicized and its first letter capitalized. For example, a works-cited entry would read “*The Georgia Review*” rather than “*Georgia Review*.”

[Find out more](#) about other changes to MLA style.



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Relying on *with* to establish the logical connection between two ideas weakens your prose. [Read more](#) about why and see alternatives to the construction.



How to Cite a Dissertation

So you've mastered documenting books and articles in the new MLA style but what about dissertations? To cite a dissertation, you'll want to include the author, title, and date of publication as core elements. The institution granting the degree is optional. [Learn more](#) about other elements you might want to include and how to treat repositories like *ProQuest* or *CORE*.



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