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MLA Handbook 9th Edition makes it easier to cite both online and print sources with two major changes:

- The 9 core elements
- The container system

The core elements can be applied to any resource and are listed in the following:

1. Author.
2. Title of source.
3. Title of container,
4. Other contributors,
5. Version,
6. Number,
7. Publisher,
8. Publication date,
9. Location.

Keep in mind that every citation does not have to include all of the core elements. If one does not apply to your resource then you move on to the next

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element.

The container system is used when a work is housed within another, whether it is a journal, book, or database. You repeat the core elements 3-9 for the container as well. The following is an example, using the MLA Practice Template:

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1 Author.	Reider, Noriko T.
2 Title of source.	"The Appeal of Kaidan Tales of the Strange."

CONTAINER 1

3 Title of container,	*Asian Folklore Studies*,
4 Other contributors,	
5 Version,	
6 Number,	vol. 59, no. 2,
7 Publisher,	
8 Publication date,	2000,
9 Location.	pp. 265-83.

CONTAINER 2

3 Title of container,	*Academic Search Premier*,
4 Other contributors,	
5 Version,	
6 Number,	
7 Publisher,	
8 Publication date,	
9 Location.	search.proquest.com/docview/224527484?accountid=14244.

From MLA Handbook (9th ed.), published by the Modern Language Association (style.mla.org)

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The citation from the template will then be written in your "Works Cited" page like this:

Reider, Noriko T. "The Appeal of Kaidan Tales of the Strange." *Asian Folklore Studies*, vol. 59, no. 2, 2000, pp. 265-83. *Academic Search Premier*, search.proquest.com/docview/224527484?accountid=14244.

All of the examples in this guide will use the names of the core elements to identify the parts of the citation. MLA does allow for some optional elements to give more information about your resource, which will be explained in the example.

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