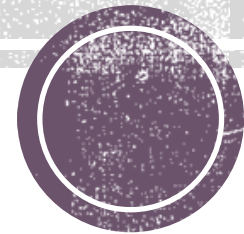# MLA 9 Basics

MLA 9 Template

- Citation generators OK but must understand basics to ID Errors
- Pay attention to punctuation

MLA Practice Template

1 Author.

2 Title of source.

CONTAINER 1

3 Title of container,

4 Other contributors,

5 Version,

6 Number,

7 Publisher,

8 Publication date,

9 Location.

CONTAINER 2

3 Title of container,

4 Other contributors,

5 Version,

6 Number,

7 Publisher,

8 Publication date,

9 Location.

Additional Notes on MLA 8

1

Inverted name

- Author = last name, first name for first author
- Multiple Authors:
  - Invert 1st one, not others
  - 3+ authors = list first author + et. al. (Eg. Smith, John et. al.)

2

- " " article/chapter/webpage title
- *ITALICIZE* if book with one author…i.e. if it is NOT an anthology.

3

- *ITALICIZE* book, periodical, website title

4

- Identify type of contributor: edited by, illustrated by, translated by, etc.

- Don't abbreviate

- Add name but don't invert

5

- Edition of a book ➜ Eg. 3rd edition
- Version of a source ➜ King James version

6

- Use if source part of a # sequence
- Example:
  - vol. #, issue # (vol. 6, no. 2) of a journal
  - Season, episode
  - Vol. of encyclopedia

7

- Who distributes the source (company name)

9

- Pg. #s (anthology, PDF database article, print periodical) or URL (website)

CONTAINER 2

- Choose the ones that apply; skip the ones that don't

- Most often used:
  - 3. Title of Container ➔ Database name (Italicize) E.g. *Academic Search Premier* or *Explora*
  - 8. Accessed Date
  - 9. Location in database [DOI #, source ID, or URL]