MLA Citations: Book

Example: One Author

Explanation of Formatting
Include information in the following order:

**Author**
- List the author’s last name first, followed by a comma.
- Then, list the author’s first name, followed by middle name if provided. If the author uses initials instead of a full name, use those in place of the first and middle name.
- Make sure to put a period after each initial, if present.
- If there are two or more authors, be sure to put an “and” before the name of the last author. For three or more authors, put a “et al.” after the first author.
- For two authors, be sure to place the name of the second author in “First Name Last Name” order. The first and last name will not be separated by a comma for the second author.
- End with a period.

**Title and Subtitle**
- The title of the book should be italicized, as should the subtitle if present.
- Capitalize every word of the title, excluding articles (a, an), coordinate conjunctions/fanboys (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so), and prepositions (to, with, without, by, at, around, after, along, for, on, etc.).
- If there is a subtitle, add a colon after the main title, then include the entire subtitle. If there is no subtitle, do not use a colon. This should be italicized as it is part of the title.
- Include a period after the title.

**Publisher**
- List the publisher, capitalizing as appropriate.
- End the entry with a comma.

**Year of Publication**
- List the year of the publication, normally found in the most recent copyright.
- End the entry with a period.