How to Cite Newspaper in MLA 8

Newspapers are daily or weekly publications that contain news; often featuring articles on political events, crime, business, art, entertainment, society, and sports. Some examples of popular newspapers include The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and The Chicago Tribune.

Citations include other components, depending on the medium (print or database), so check to make sure that your citation type includes all necessary parts.

**How to Cite a Newspaper Article in Print in MLA 8:**

To create a citation for a newspaper article in print, locate the following pieces of information:

- Author of the article
- Title of the article
- *Title of the newspaper
- Names of any other contributors responsible for the article
- The newspaper’s version (such as a “Weekend Edition,” if applicable)
- Any numbers associated with the newspaper’s issue (such as a volume or issue number, if applicable)
- The date of publication
- *Location (such as a page number or section number, like A8)

*Notes:

Include the name of the city that the newspaper is published in if the name is not included in the title of the newspaper. For example, it is not necessary to include the city if you were to cite the Boston Herald. It is also not necessary to include the city for nationally published newspapers. This information is placed in brackets after the title of the newspaper. Do not italicize the name of the city.

Example:
When the page numbers are not consecutive, only include the first page number, followed by a plus sign.
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Also note that MLA 8th Edition does not require the name of the publisher to be included in citations for newspapers and periodicals.

Structure of an MLA 8 citation for print newspapers:

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of the article.” Title of the newspaper, First name Last name of any other contributors, Version, Numbers, Date of publication, Location.

Example of an MLA 8 citation for a print newspaper article:


How to Cite a Newspaper Article from an Online Database in MLA 8:

Many newspapers are published in print, but also found on databases. Many school and public libraries subscribe to databases that contain newspaper articles. Ask your librarian for help to access any subscription newspaper databases.

Include these components in an MLA 8 citation for a newspaper article found on a database:

Author of the article
Title of the article
*Title of the newspaper
Names of any other contributors responsible for the article
The newspaper’s version (such as a “Weekend Edition,” if applicable)
Any numbers associated with the newspaper’s issue (such as a volume or issue number, if applicable)
The date of publication
*Location (such as a page number or section number, like A8)
Title of the database
*URL

*Notes:

Include the name of the city that the newspaper is published in if the name is not included in the title of the newspaper. For example, it is not necessary to include the city if you were to cite the Boston Herald. It is also not necessary to include the city for nationally published newspapers. This information is placed in brackets after the title of the newspaper. Do not italicize the name of the city.

Example:

The Intelligencer [Doylestown]

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In previous versions of MLA, researchers were not required to include the URL. In MLA 8, it is strongly recommended to include the URL in the citation. Even though web pages and URLs can be taken down or changed, it is still possible to learn about the source from the information seen in the URL. When including URLs in a citation, omit http:// and https:// from the website's address. When creating a citation that will be read on a digital device, it is helpful to make the URL clickable so that readers can directly access the source themselves. Also note that MLA 8th Edition does not require the name of the publisher to be included in citations for newspapers and periodicals.

Structure of an MLA 8 citation for a newspaper article found on a database:

Author’s Last name, First name. “Title of the article.” Title of the newspaper, First name Last name of any other contributors, Version (if applicable), Numbers (if applicable), Publication date, Location (generally page numbers, if available). Title of the database, Location (such as a URL).

Example of a citation for a newspaper article found on a database in MLA 8: