## Citing Images in MLA Format *Modern Language Association, 8th edition*

### Citing a work of art in a museum or gallery:

**Format and what to include:** Artist last name, first name (if available). *Title or description of image*. Date (if available), medium (photograph, drawing, oil on canvas, etc.), collection/institution, city of collection (if not listed in name of collection).

**Examples:**
- Rivera, Diego. *Pan American Unity*. 1940, fresco, City College of San Francisco.

### Citing an image from a printed source:

**Format and what to include:** Artist last name, first name. *Title or description of image*. Date of artwork, collection/institution, city of collection. Container information: *Title of book*, by Author first name last name, publisher, date of publication, page number.

**Examples from a book:**

### Citing an image from the web:

**Format and what to include:** Artist last name, first name. *Title or description of image*. Date of artwork, collection/institution, city of collection. Container information: *Website/Database name*, web address/URL. Date of access (optional).


Examples from Artstor database: Creator: Last Name, First Name. Title of Visual Art. Year of creation, institution holding the artwork, city of Institution. Title of the Database: Artstor, permalink/URL.


If an individual artist is not listed in the “Creator” field, use the culture listed in that field. If a “Creator” field is not listed in the first field, use the information listed in the “Culture” field for “Creator.”

Mexico; Olmec. Eagle Transformation Figure, Front View. 10th-6th century B.C.E., Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. Artstor, library.artstor.org/#/asset/MMA_IAP_10311575208?iap=true.

Additional resources:

There is more than one way to correctly cite images in MLA style. These examples are a compilation of a variety of MLA 8th edition guides. For more information about citing sources in MLA style, and for information on formats not listed here, see:


MLA Style Center, for sample papers, and formatting advice https://style.mla.org/

Behind the Style (the MLA Blog) https://style.mla.org/category/behind-the-style/

MLA Formatting and Style Guide, Purdue Online Writing Lab https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

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