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. 10<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E., Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York. *Artstor*, library.artstor.org/#/asset/MMA_IAP_10311575208?iap=true.

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**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/](https://style.mla.org/)
- **Behind the Style (the MLA Blog)** [https://style.mla.org/category/behind-the-style/](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/](https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/)