Transcript: Identifying information for an MLA citation

What the heck is in MLA?
MLA citation style is a way to show your professors what information you're using and.... whatever citation style you use you need to record things like title of the work author and date of publication.

Hmm, oh yeah?

Ya, so I've learned to try and keep track of all the articles books and websites that use when researching my papers. If I can, I email them to myself.

I found this book in the Seneca catalog - what information do I need to cite?

Here is the author, title, publisher, place of publication and publication date. The other thing you need to write down for MLA is format - that just means if your book is in print or on the web.

Really? What about an article from the library database?

Same rule of thumb – author, title, publication date. With an article, you also need title of the journal or magazine AND the volume issue and page number. Plus, you need to say what database it came from.

Does the format still matter?

Yes. If it's an online article you need to say that the format is web. You also need to say what day you found the article. That's one of the reasons that I like to email myself the articles.

Anything else I need to know?

Well ... occasionally you can't find all the information you need. Sometimes there isn't an author or a date listed. But there's a rule book that can help you figure out what to do in those situations.

That doesn't sound too bad. Thanks.

If you need more help, visit us, call us, email us or chat. We’ve got you covered.