

MLA Practice (8th edition)

Book with one author

Name: _____

Find a book that has only one author. **Write the name of that author in the space below.** Put the last name first then first name separated by a comma. Include the middle name or middle initial after the first name (if given). **Put a period after the name.**

1.

Example: *Russell, William F.*

Write the title of the book below. Remember to underline book titles (use italics instead of underlining when typing). **Put a period after the title** but do not underline the period. Make sure to capitalize the first letter of the first word in the title and then all words in the title unless these other words are simple conjunctions (*i.e.* and, or) or simple prepositions (*i.e.* in, on, at) – even if the capitalization is different on the title page. Use the title as listed on the title page, not the cover. If the title has a secondary title, put a colon between the title and the secondary title.

2.

Example: *Classic Myths to Read Aloud.*

Write the name of the publishing company below. This can usually be found on the bottom of the title page, but you may have to find it on the back of the title page. **Put a comma after the publishing company.**

3.

Example: *Crown Trade Paperbacks,*

Write the publication year below. Put a period after the publishing year. If it is a hardback, it may be the same as the copyright year, but look for something that specifically says published on _____. If there is more than one publication date, use the most recent.

4.

Example: *1989.*

Now put all the information together in order. If you run out of room on the first line, you start a second line. **Make sure you indent the second and all subsequent lines.** Example:

Russell, William F. *Classic Myths to Read Aloud.* Royal Crown Trade Paperbacks,
1989.

Write your book information here in MLA format: