## 9th Edition Changes:

MLA published 9th edition in the Spring of 2021. In terms of citations, 98% of the guidelines are the same. The new handbook is simply bigger and does a much better job of providing lots of examples and details about complex sources. It also includes a section on inclusive language that wasn't there before.

Here is an overview of citation related changes to note:

* Element 4 is now called "Contributor" instead of "Other Contributors" though the information included in this part of the entry is the same.
* Seasons should no longer be capitalized in the volume or date even if the publication capitalizes them.
* Location:
* While the 8th ed. encouraged omitting http://,  the new 9th ed. encourages adding this back in to create usable hyperlinks,
* 8th ed. labeled the doi as "doi:" followed by the number. 9th edition lists dois as URLs: https://doi.org/  followed by the doi number. (This is now the same as APA.)
* "Optional Elements" are now called "Supplemental Elements." They clarified that a date of access is only used if there is no other publication date available or if the information is likely to change.

## Canvas Style Guide Changes

* Each page has been updated to reflect the new language. All videos have been reviewed. Because there are so few changes, all videos have been kept and if necessary contain a short note before the video with minor changes to keep in mind.
* “What is MLA Style” has been revised to include details on inclusive language and overview of 9th edition changes. Information about the 9 Core Elements and related handouts have been removed.
* “Using the 9 Core Elements in MLA Works Cited Entries” has been added as a new page. This information (what each element is, what it means, and how to format it) was previously included in a PDF linked in “What is MLA Style” and was often missed by students. This includes all of the PDF contents directly in the Canvas page along with a link to the printer-friendly PDF. The page and PDF have been updated to reflect 9th edition changes.
* “Citing Websites” and “Citing Databases and Other Two Container Articles” have seen the most significant updates to language, images, and PDFs.
* If you didn’t update your style guide at the beginning of the summer 2021, the guide also includes:
  + Updated video links to the new media server VidGrid
  + Chapter markers for videos to helps students quickly navigate to relevant parts of videos.