

# Quick Hints to determine the original format of an information source found in a database in MLA 8:

## Books



*Look for*

**Publisher, Year.**

Example: Gale, 1998.

Is there an **editor**? If yes, it's a book source!

Example: Edited by Steven G. Post

## Magazines or Journals



*Look for*

**Specific date** (not just a year)

Example: 10 Sept. 2012

Example: Jan.-Feb. 2015

Example: Summer 2014

**Volume and issue number** (sometimes just issue number)

Vol. 128, no. 1, Jan. 2013

## Newspapers



*Look for*

**Specific date** along with **Section letter** included with the page number

Example: sec. A, p. 1