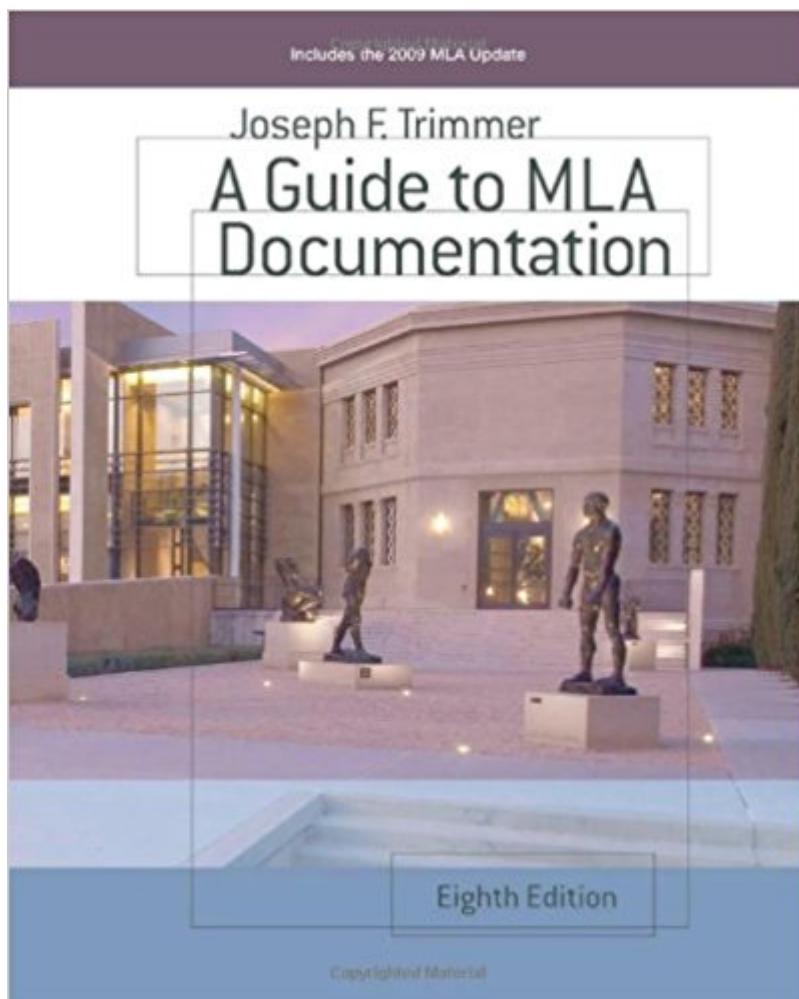


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# A Guide To MLA Documentation



## **Synopsis**

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Joseph F. Trimmer is Professor of English Emeritus and Director Emeritus of The Virginia B. Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State University. He is the author of numerous articles on literature, culture, and literacy, including THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FOR FICTION: THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS (1978), UNDERSTANDING OTHERS: CULTURAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES AND THE TEACHING OF LITERATURE (1992), and NARRATION AS KNOWLEDGE: TALES OF THE TEACHING LIFE (1997). Professor Trimmer has also worked on 20 documentary films for PBS, including the six-part series, "Middletown" (1982). His textbooks include WRITING WITH A PURPOSE, 14th Edition (2004), THE RIVER READER, 12th Edition (formerly the RIVERSIDE READER (2016), and eFICTIONS (2002). Trimmer's A GUIDE TO MLA DOCUMENTATION, 9th Edition is a perennial bestseller; he has also published A GUIDE TO APA DOCUMENTATION.

I have been using the Trimmer edition of MLA since the first edition! I brought it with me to college,

and it got me through my entire undergraduate program. I have purchased many subsequent editions to try to keep up with some changes MLA has made. I also have purchased copies of the more comprehensive MLA guide, but for nearly all writing assignments, this edition has been sufficient - until now. This appears to be an example of lazy editing and of Mr. Trimmer and the people at Wadsworth Cengage Learning just wanting to cash in and make a buck. TWICE the sample essay at the end of the book has pages that are incorrectly numbered. If this were a student essay, I could forgive it, but this is a resource (an overpriced resource) and errors like that should not exist.

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It is small and frail but the info is very informative! This book should be sold very cheap under 3.99 if not dont buy it

I was surprised at how expensive such a thin book with a soft cover could be. Difficult to understand why it would cost so much and frustrating that teachers and requiring children to buy it.

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