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Opposing Viewpoints in Context

The following guidelines are based on the *MLA Handbook* (9th edition). The following examples are provided:

1. Viewpoint essay published as an article, then in a book (pp. 2-3)
2. Viewpoint essay not published in a book (pp. 3-4)
3. Magazine article (p. 5)

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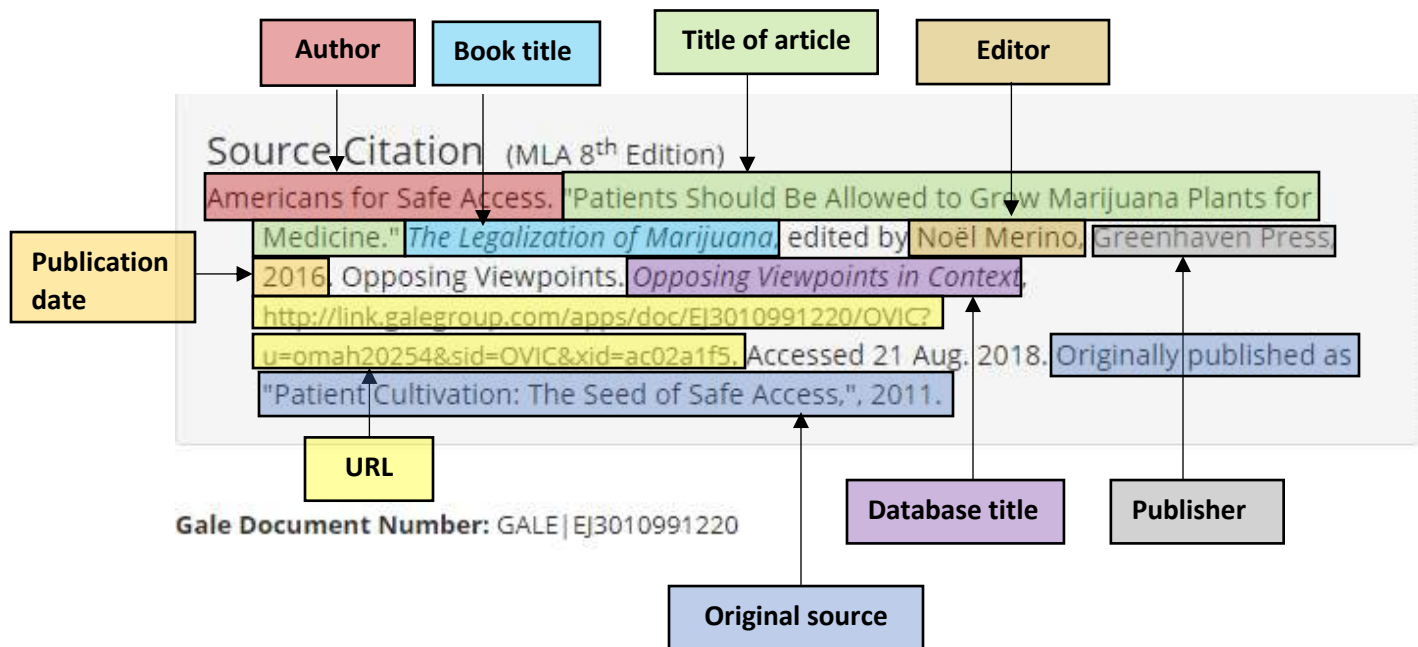
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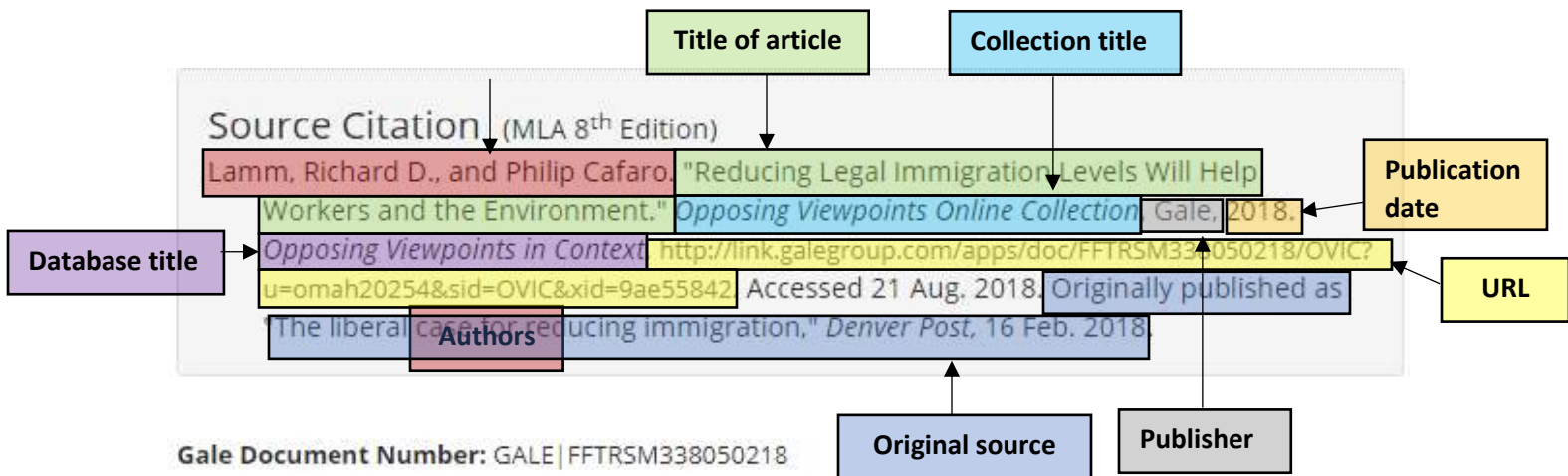
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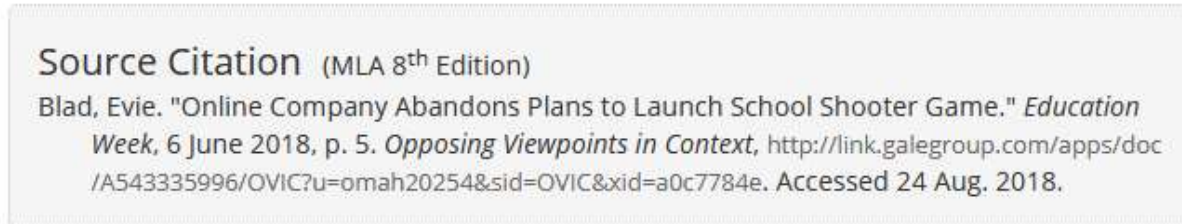
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EXAMPLE 3: Magazine article

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