

# MLA Style – Works Cited

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## Book

Last Name, First Name. *Book Title*. Publisher, Publication Date. *Database name*, URL.

### Examples

Boileau, Kendra, editor. *Covid Chronicles*. Pennsylvania State UP, 2021.

Mann, Jeff and Julia Watts. *LGBTQ Fiction and Poetry from Appalachia*. West Virginia UP, 2018.

Thick, Matthew R. *The Great Water: A Documentary History of Michigan*. E-book ed., Michigan State UP, 2018. *ProQuest eBook Central*, [ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/lansing/?docID=516](http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/lansing/?docID=516).

## Chapter in a book, encyclopedia article, or dictionary entry

Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Book Title*, edited by Editor's Name(s), Publisher, Year, pages. *Database name*, DOI or URL.

### Examples

Da, Laura. "Pain Scale Treaties." *Shapes of Native Nonfiction: Collected Essays by Contemporary Writers*, edited by Elissa Washuta and Theresa Warburton, University of Washington Press, 2019, pp. 169-172.

"John Robert Lewis." *Encyclopedia of World Biography Online*, Gale, 2021. *Gale In Context: World History*, [link.gale.com/apps/doc/K1631003942/WHIC?u=lom\\_lansingcc&sid=bookmark-WHIC&xid=1173c169](http://link.gale.com/apps/doc/K1631003942/WHIC?u=lom_lansingcc&sid=bookmark-WHIC&xid=1173c169).

## Journal article

Last Name, First Name. "Article Title." *Journal Title*, vol. number, no. issue number, Publication Day Month Year, pages. *Database Name*, DOI or URL.

### Examples

Elenes, Briseida Ileana. "Unveiling Latina Community College Leadership Pathways through Testimonio." *New Directions for Community Colleges*, vol. 2020, no. 190, summer 2020, pp. 115–127. *EBSCOhost*, <https://doi.org/10.1002/cc.20391>.

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## Newspaper and magazine article

Last Name, First Name. "Article title." *Newspaper/Magazine Title*, Publication Day Month Year, pages. *Database/Website name*, URL.

### Examples

"The Methane Mystery: Climate Change." *The Economist*, 28 Apr. 2018, p. 72. *General OneFile*, [link.galegroup.com.lcc.idm.oclc.org/apps/doc/A536297876/ITOF?u=lom\\_lansingcc&sid=ITOF&xid=014f5dbb](http://link.galegroup.com.lcc.idm.oclc.org/apps/doc/A536297876/ITOF?u=lom_lansingcc&sid=ITOF&xid=014f5dbb).

Newell, Julie. "Foundation Receives Record Donation." *The Lookout*, 16 Dec. 2021. [web.lcc.edu/lookout/2021/12/16/foundation-receives-record-donation](http://web.lcc.edu/lookout/2021/12/16/foundation-receives-record-donation).

Worsham, Taylor. "New Soo Lock Development Makes Steady Progress." *Detroit Free Press*, 25 July 2021, p. A6. *Proquest*, [lcc.idm.oclc.org/login?url=/docview/2554664142/=1599](http://lcc.idm.oclc.org/login?url=/docview/2554664142/=1599).

## Page or document from a website

If there is no publication date, include the access date.

Last Name, First Name. "Page Title." *Website Title*, Publication Date, URL. Accessed Day Month Year.

### Examples

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. "Drafters." *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, 8 Sept. 2021, [bls.gov/ooh/architecture-and-engineering/drafters.htm](http://bls.gov/ooh/architecture-and-engineering/drafters.htm).

Lewis, Camara. "Over 62,000 Accepted for Michigan Reconnect Scholarships in First Six Weeks." *Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity*, 15 Mar. 2021, [michigan.gov/leo/0,5.html](http://michigan.gov/leo/0,5.html).

Mackinac State Historic Parks. "Native American Cultural History Trail." *Mackinac State Historic Parks*. [mackinacparks.com/native-american-cultural-history-trail](http://mackinacparks.com/native-american-cultural-history-trail). Accessed 26 July 2021.

