

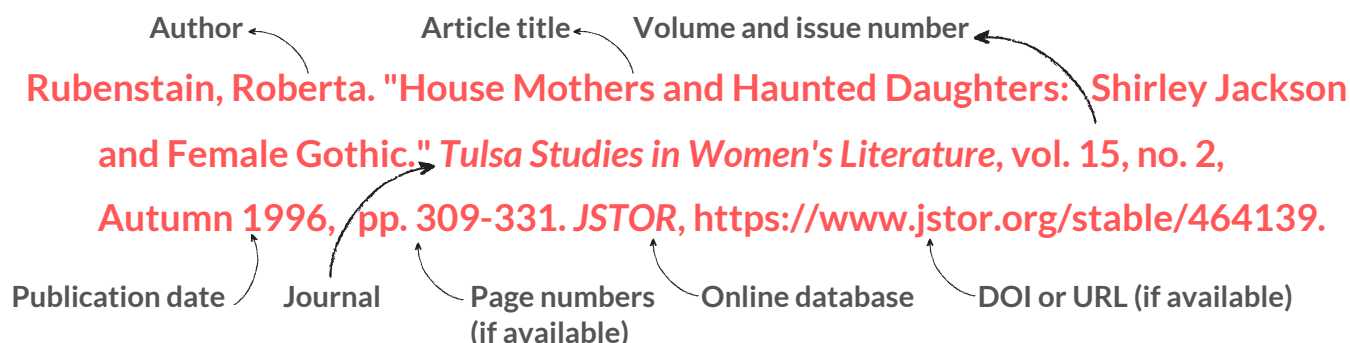
MLA WORKS CITED: ARTICLES

How to reference articles online or in print

When searching for articles online, be sure to identify what kind of source it is first. Is it a peer-reviewed, academic journal? Is it a newspaper article? A magazine article? A blog post? Is it trustworthy?

If it is only a **website**, not an actual article, see handout: **MLA Works Cited: Websites**.

BASIC FORMAT FOR AN ARTICLE FOUND ON A DATABASE:



WHERE DID YOU FIND THE FULL TEXT?

- If on an online **database**, cite the **DOI**. If there is none, cite the **URL** of the full text.
- Reference the database, not the vendor (e.g., Academic Search Complete, not EBSCOhost).

Sumberg, James, et al. "Formal-Sector Employment and Africa's Youth Employment Crisis: Irrelevance or Policy Priority?" *Development Policy Review*, vol. 38, no. 4, July 2020, pp. 428-40. *Academic Search Complete*, doi:10.1111/dpr.12436.

- If the database led you to an **exterior website**, then cite the journal or website, not the database. Include the **DOI**. If there is none, cite the exterior website's **URL**.

Brookfield, Tarah. "Divided by the Ballot Box: The Montreal Council of Women and the 1917 Election." *The Canadian Historical Review*, vol. 89, no. 4, December 2008, www.utpjournals.press/doi/full/10.3138/chr.89.4.473.

IF YOU ARE IN A DATABASE WITH A LOGIN:

- Do not use the URL in the browser bar. Use a DOI, if available.
- If there is no DOI, use the stable URL or a permalink. Dawson Library permalinks look like this:

[dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2312/login?url=https://www.jstor.org/stable/43444750](https://www.jstor.org/stable/43444750)



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A JOURNAL ARTICLE NOT FROM A DATABASE (PRINT AND ONLINE):

- Online journals may lack **page numbers**.

Hill, Vera. "Journalists Under Attack in the Middle East." *Probe Weekly*, vol. 13, no. 20, 16 Dec. 2015, www.probeweekly.com/876t00d/juame.001.

- Do not include the URL for articles consulted in print.

Wong, Yu. "The New Elite." *Business Quarterly*, vol. 56, no. 9, Nov. 2013, pp. 6–24.

A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE (PRINT AND ONLINE):

- If the **magazine** is published **weekly**, give the exact date. If it is published **monthly**, give the month and year.
- If pages are not continuous, use a plus sign (+) after providing the first page.

Renko, Mary G. "California Real Estate Goes Bust." *Newsweek*, 6 Feb. 2014, p. 14+.

Lane, Anthony. "Why Movies Love Kids' Books." *The New Yorker*, 28 May 2021, www.newyorker.com/magazine/2021/06/07/why-movies-love-kids-books.

- **Newspaper** pages often include a **letter** indicating the **section**. Add a plus sign (+) for non-continuous pages.
- If the newspaper's name does not include the city, add the **city's name** in square brackets.
- Give the **full date** of publication, followed by the page numbers of the entire article.

Fisk, Ella. "Liberals and Leadership." *The Globe and Mail* [Toronto], 17 Jan. 2012, p. D12.

Hanes, Allison. "French Plan for Immigrants a Recipe for Failure." *The Montreal Gazette*, 16 June 2022, p. A1+.

Stachiew, Mark. "Asylum Seeker Discovers Montreal's Generosity while Working Pandemic's Front Line." *The Montreal Gazette*, 21 May 2021, montrealgazette.com/sponsored/news-sponsored/asylum-seeker-discovers-montreals-generosity-while-working-pandemics-front-line.

- Online magazine and newspaper articles must include a **URL** in place of the page number.

For more information, consult the MLA Handbook or contact the Academic Skills Centre.