

LEAP 3: Reading and Writing

MLA Referencing Guide

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Last Name, First Name. <i>Title</i> . Publisher, year of publication.	Tobin, James. <i>To conquer the air: The Wright brothers and the great race for flight</i> . Simon & Schuster, 2003.
ESSAY OR CHAPTER IN A BOOK WITH AN EDITOR	
Author's Last name, First name. "Title of chapter, essay, or section." <i>Title of the work</i> , translated by or edited by First Name Last name, vol. number, Publisher, Year of publication, page number(s).	Jiang, Youyu, et al. "Polymer Solar Cells." <i>Molecular Devices for Solar Energy Conversion and Storage</i> , edited by Haining Tian, Gerrit Boschloo, and Anders Hagfeldt, 2018, pp. 45–108.
PRINT ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLE OR A MAGAZINE ARTICLE WITHOUT A DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIER (DOI)	
Author's Last name, First name. "Article title." <i>Journal name</i> , vol. #, no. #, year, pp. xx-xx.	O'Carol, John. "The Dying of the Epic." <i>Anthropoetics</i> , vol. 30, no. 2, 2011, pp. 48–49.
JOURNAL ARTICLE WITH A URL OR A DIGITAL OBJECT IDENTIFIER (DOI)	
Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the article." <i>Title of the journal</i> , First name Last name of any other contributors (if applicable), Version (if applicable), Numbers (such as a volume and issue number), Publication date, Page numbers. <i>Title of the database</i> , URL or DOI.	Harada, Hisashi and Yusuke Matsuda "Identification and characterization of a new carbonic anhydrase in the marine diatom." <i>Phaeodactylum tricornutum</i> , Canadian Journal of Botany, 2005, 83(7), 2005, pp. 909–916, doi.org/10.1139/b05-078.
NEWSPAPER	
Author's Last name, First name. "Article Title." <i>Newspaper Title</i> [City], Date Month Year Published, Page(s).	Vernon, John. "Refractions of Time Past." <i>New York Times Book Review</i> . New York. 18 Feb. 2018, p.13.
ONLINE ARTICLE WITH AN AUTHOR OR AUTHORS	
Author's Last name, First name. "Title of the Article or Individual Page." <i>Title of the website</i> , Name of the publisher, Date of publication, URL. Note: Use both names for two authors with the second name written first name last name, and <i>et al</i> for three more authors.	Parkinson, David, et al. "Boom, bust and economic headaches." <i>The Globe and Mail</i> . Retrieved November 12, 2017 www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-investor/retirement/the-boomer-shift-how-canadas-economy-is-headed-for-majorchange/article27159892/ .

ONLINE ARTICLE WITH NO AUTHOR	
"Title of the Article or Individual Page." <i>Title of the website</i> , Name of the publisher, Date of publication, URL. Note: omit <i>http://</i> and <i>https://</i>	"GIMPS Project Discovers Largest Known Prime Number: 2 ^{77,232,917} -1", Mersenne.org. 3 Jan. 2018, www.mersenne.org/primes/press/M77232917.html .
CONVERSATION	
Author's Last name, First name. Personal interview. Day, Month, Year	Turner, William. Personal interview. 6 Mar. 2018.
SPEECH OR LECTURE	
Author's Last Name, First Name. "Presentation Title." Meeting/Event. Venue, City. Date Conducted.	Beatty, Ken. "Creating the Confident Language Learner" TESOL. McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago. 29 Mar. 2018.
AUDIO PODCAST	
Author's Last name, First name. <i>Title: Subtitle</i> . Publisher, Year, URL. Note: Some information may not be available but provide as much as possible.	Pickering, David. <i>Restart Podcast Ep 27: How to Restart the World with Lewis Dartnell</i> , 2018, soundcloud.com/restart-project-1/the-restart-podcast-episode-27 .
YOUTUBE VIDEO	
Creator's Last name, First name. "Title of the film or video." <i>Title of the website</i> , role of contributors and their First name Last name, Publication date, URL. Note: Some information may not be available, but provide as much of it as possible.	Beatty, Ken. "The Answer Isn't Important: Critical Thinking in EAP" <i>TESL Ontario</i> . 16 October 2016, www.youtube.com/watch?v=uD9sPOxWv2s .
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LECTURE NOTES/MATERIALS	
Author's Last name, First Name. "Lecture or Lecture notes title." Course. Institution, City. Date, month, Year.	Prescott, Jennifer. "Cost Benefit Analysis." Economics 204. McGill University, Montreal. 3 Feb. 2018.
FILM/MOVIE	
<i>Film Title</i> . Contributors (these can be directors, producers, performers, etc). Studio/Distributor, year released.	<i>The New Fire</i> . Schumaker, David. Generation Films. 2018.
RADIO OR TELEVISION BROADCAST	
Name of the film, the director, the studio, and the year of release.	Culbert, B. (Producer). (2012, January 19) <i>Surviving the teenage brain</i> . Toronto, Ontario: CBC.

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Author's last name, First name. "Title of the chapter or section." <i>Title of the e-book</i> , translated by or edited by First name Last name, Name of e-reader device with ed., vol. number, Publisher, Year of publication	El Akkad, Omar. <i>American War</i> . Kobo ed., Alfred A. Knopf, 2017.
BLOG POST	
Author's Last name, First name. "Article Title." <i>Website/Blog Title</i> . Website Publisher, Day Month Year Published, URL (omit http:// or https://).	Tesh, Geneva. "Flipping Your Grammar Classes with the Azar-Hagen Grammar Series" <i>Always ESL</i> . Pearson 3 Mar. 2017, longmanhomeusa.com/blog/flipping-your-grammar-classes-with-azar-hagen-grammar-series/