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Cite the author's last name and page numbers where the ideas you write about were found. **Examples:**

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Two authors: (Joseph and Andrews 345).

For three or more authors, use the first author and et al.: (Wilson et al. 65).

If the author's name is already included in the paragraph, only include the page number:

Klinger wrote that the story "symbolized the frustration of women being confined" (53).

For online sources, no page number is necessary. The author's last name is sufficient:

"As artists love the basic materials of their art—paints, charcoal, clay, marble—so writers love the basic materials of their art—language" (Oates).

Step Two: Works Cited at the End of Your Paper

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Book:

Author's Last name, First name. *Title of Book (italicized)*. Publisher, Year.

Chang, Leslie T. *Factory Girls: From Village to City in a Changing China*. Spiegel & Grau, 2008.

Book with editor:

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Hahn, Daniel, editor. *The Oxford Companion to Children's Literature*. 2nd ed., Oxford UP, 2009.

E-book in a library database:

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Miller, W. Jason. *Origins of the Dream : Hughes's Poetry and King's Rhetoric*. UP of Florida, 2015.
ProQuest ebrary.

Chapter in an e-book:

Tracy, Steven C. "Langston Hughes and Afro-American Vernacular Music." *Historical Guide to Langston Hughes*, edited by Steven C. Tracy, Oxford UP, 1971, pp. 85-118. *ProQuest ebrary.*

Articles in library databases -- Don't include URLs, unless your professor requests them:

Author's Last name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Publication*, volume, or issue, number, date, page numbers if given. *Name of Database*, DOI number (if available) for scholarly journal articles.

Encyclopedia article with no author's name provided, in a database:

"Phenomenology." *Gale Encyclopedia of Psychology*, edited by Jacqueline L. Longe, 3rd ed., vol. 2, Gale, 2016, pp. 885-886. *Gale Virtual Reference Library*.

Scholarly journal article with a DOI number, in a database:

Pan, Allison. "Crossing the Border: Art and Change in East Harlem." *Journal for Cultural Research*, vol. 12, no. 1, Jan. 2008, pp. 39-57. *Academic Search Complete*, doi:10.1080/14797580802090968.

Newspaper article in a database:

Ewing, Jack. "In Davos, Europe Is Pressed for Debt Crisis Solution." *The New York Times*, 29 Jan. 2012, Sunday ed. *LexisNexis Academic*.

Magazine article in a database:

Coates, Ta-Nehisi. "Letter to My Son." *Atlantic*, vol. 316, issue 2, 2015, pp. 82-91. *Academic Search Complete*.

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Document such as a blog from a website:

Finch, Annie. "Winter Poetry." *Poetry Foundation*, 22 Dec. 2009, www.poetryfoundation.org/features/articles/detail/69458.

Video from a website:

"A Conversation with Author Zadie Smith." *Charlie Rose*, hosted by Charlie Rose, 25 Aug. 2005, *PBS*, www.charlierose.com/view/interview/721.

Articles found in printed sources, not online:

Williams, Linda. "Of Kisses and Ellipses: The Long Adolescence of American Movies." *Critical Inquiry*, vol. 32, no. 2, 2006, pp. 288-340.

Source: Fitzpatrick, Kathleen. *MLA Handbook Eighth Edition*. Modern Language Association of America, 2016. Revised by Professor Lane Glisson 06-20-2016.