MLA Literary Journal Article about a Book from a Database

Citation Example

Explanation of Formatting
Include information in the following order:

Author of Article
- Provide the name of the author in last name, first name format.
- Ensure a comma is placed between the last and first name.
- If the author provides a middle name, it will be placed after the first name.
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Title of Article
- Provide the title of the journal article in quotations.
- Capitalize the first letter of every word, excluding articles (a, an), prepositions (with, without, by, from, after, among, etc.), and coordinate conjunctions/fanboys (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).
- End the entry with a period inside the quotations.

Journal
- Provide the name of the journal in italics. Capitalize as appropriate.
- End the entry with a comma.

Volume and Issue
- List the volume number and issue of the journal, if present.
- Shorten volume to “vol.” and issue to “no.” Put the number of each after the period of each abbreviation. Ensure a comma is placed after the volume number and before the issue.
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- Provide the date the article was published in day month year format.
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- List the page(s) the article is found within the journal.
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