# Reading a Bibliography

Use this article to answer the questions about references below:

* Weaver, Robert R., et al. “[University Student Food Insecurity and Academic Performance.](http://proxy.wexler.hunter.cuny.edu/login?url=https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=eue&AN=146946784&site=ehost-live)” *Journal of American College Health*, vol. 68, no. 7, Oct. 2020, pp. 727-33. *EBSCO*host, <https://doi-org.proxy.wexler.hunter.cuny.edu/10.1080/07448481.2019.1600522>

## Using References

When our professors ask us to "find sources," many of us go straight to library databases or Google.  Sometimes, there is a better, faster way.  If you are reading a book or article that is on topic, check the bibliography to see if the author(s) used any sources that might be of use to you.

This is not cheating; in fact, this is often how your professors do their own research.

In this tutorial, we'll show you how.

The first step is to find the bibliography.  In this article, it's called **References** (as per the APA style).  If your paper is written in MLA style, this section will be called Works Cited.  You can find the References list at the end of the article. In this article, you can find it just below the heading for “Conflict of Interest Disclosure.” [Page 6 of 8 on the PDF; page 7xx in the real article]

Now that you've found it, we'll ask you a few questions about it that will help you to read the References list more closely.

## Questions

1. Reference lists are comprised of books, journals and other sources.  It's important to be able to tell which is which.

Which of these citations is for a book?
2. Goldrick-Rab S. Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream. Chicago, IL : University of Chicago Press; 2016.
3. Economic Research Service Measurement. United States Department of Agriculture. 2017.
4. Gaines A, Robb CA, Knol LL, et al. Examining the role of financial factors, resources and skills in predicting food security status among college students. Int J Consum Stud. 2014
5. Often, it is important to think about **when** something was published.  Depending on your topic and approach, you might need the most recent and up-to-date material, or you might need material published before a certain date.

Which of these is the OLDEST item published?
6. Bui KVT. First generation college students as a four-year university: Background characteristics, reasons for pursuing higher education, and first-year experiences.
7. Rigney D. The Matthew Effect: How Advantage Begets Further Advantage.
8. Gao X, Scott T, Falcon LM, et al. Food insecurity and cognitive function in Puerto Rican adults.
9. As you saw in our earlier question, format is important.  Which of these is NOT a book or a scholarly article?
10. Cady CL. Food insecurity as a student issue.
11. Freudenberg N, et al. Food insecurity at CUNY: Results from a survey of CUNY undergraduate students.
12. Payne-Sturges DC, Tjaden A, Caldeira KM, et al. Student hunger on campus: Food insecurity among college students and implications for academic institutions.
13. For scholarly articles, you might be interested in the article itself, or in the journal that published it.

There is a scholarly article by Bruening M, Brennhofer S, van Woerden I, et al. Factors related to the high rates of food insecurity among diverse, urban college freshmen.

What is the name of the journal that published this article?
14. *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (abbreviated* Am J Clin Nutr)
15. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice (abbreviated* Community Coll J Res Pract)
16. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (abbreviated* J Acad Nutr Diet)
17. Once you've found an article that you want to read, it's important to know how to get your hands on a copy.

Find the reference to Link BG, JC, Phelan ML, Hatzenbuehler Stigma as a fundamental cause of health inequality. This is an entry in a larger reference book called The Oxford Handbook of Stigma, Discrimination, and Health. It is available both in print and as an e-book.

Does the Hunter College Libraries have this book, in either format?
HINT: You'll have to use the Hunter College Libraries website to complete this question.
18. We do not have this book at all -- I checked OneSearch
19. We have both the e-book and the print book available.
20. We only have the e-book.

\*\* Bonus Question \*\*

As we mentioned in the beginning, the main reason that we "read" bibliographies is to find sources that might help us to answer our own research questions.

If your research question was **How does food insecurity impact first generation college students?** which source would you want to look for?

[Appropriate answers would be any source about first-generation college students or food insecurity]