

Using MLA Style to Cite your Sources



The Modern Language Association of America
8th Edition

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- ❧ What MLA is and why it is important
- ❧ How to cite a source using MLA style.
- ❧ How to create a bibliography using the following resources:
 - ❧ Internet
 - ❧ Books



- ❧ We will also practice writing some citations together.

Remember!!



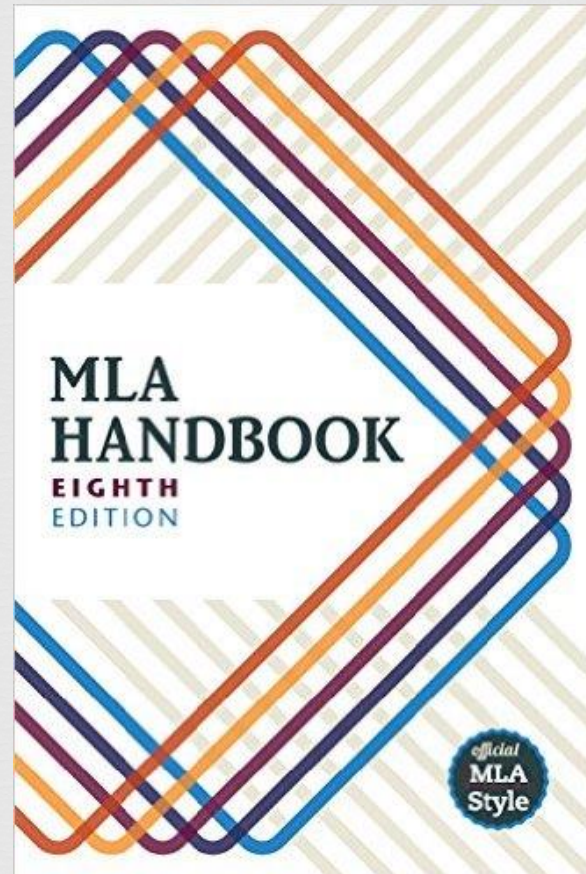
- ❧ When you write a paper and take information that is not written or thought by you, **YOU MUST GIVE CREDIT TO THE SOURCE!**
- ❧ **YOU MUST WRITE A CITATION TO TELL READERS THAT THIS INFORMATION DID NOT COME FROM YOU.**
- ❧ **YOU MUST ALWAYS BE HONEST AND NOT PLAGIARIZE!**



WHAT IS MLA?

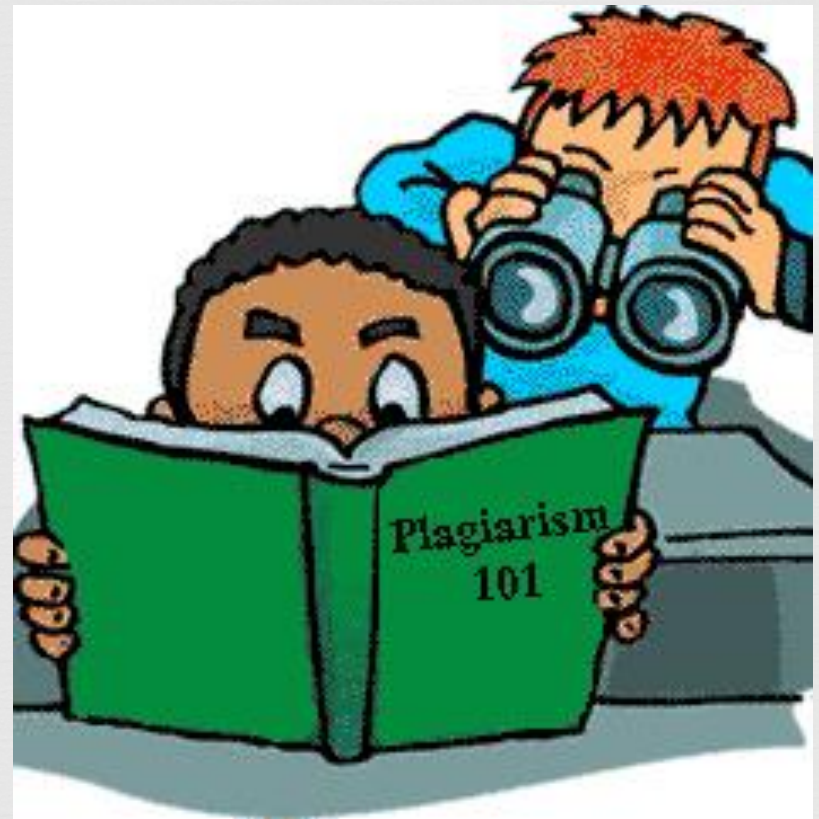


- ❧ MLA stands for Modern Language Association. It provides consistent standards for writing citations and papers.
- ❧ MLA is one of 2-3 styles usually used in high school and college.
- ❧ Protects you from plagiarism.
- ❧ Readers can easily check where you got your information.



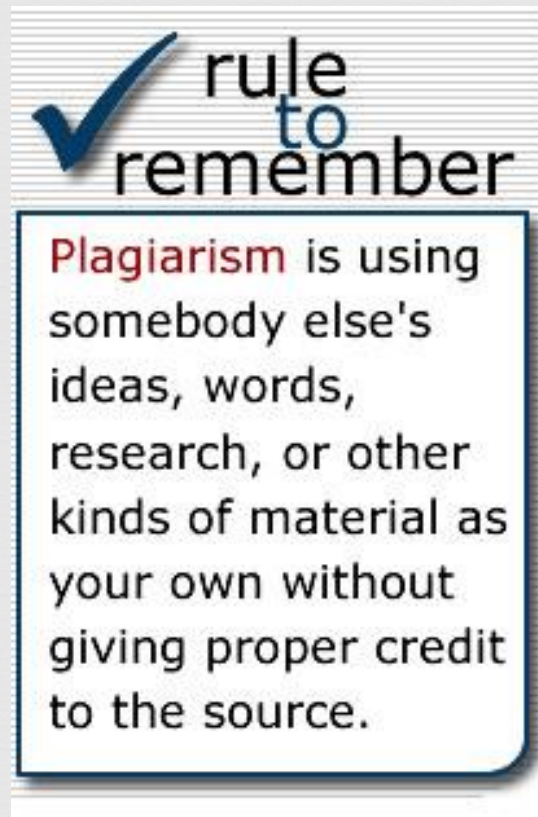
Why Should I use MLA Citations??

- ☞ You have to give credit when you use information written or thought up by others.
- ☞ By writing a citation and crediting your source of information, you avoid **PLAGIARISM**.



When Should I cite my sources?

- ☞ Many students do not mean to plagiarize...If you are not sure, it is better to always cite the source!
- ☞ Remember, whenever you **summarize**, **paraphrase** or **quote** another author's material you must properly credit your source.



Works Cited Page



- ❧ The Works Cited Page appears at the end of your paper on its own page.
- ❧ It lists all sources you used to write your report.
- ❧ The Works Cited page provides the information needed for a reader to find and retrieve any source used in your paper.

Works Cited

Holt, Mack P. "Europe divided: wine, beer, and the Reformation in Sixteenth-century Europe."

Alcohol: a social and cultural history, Berg, 2006, pp. 25-31.

Landsteiner, Erich. "The crisis of wine production in late Sixteenth-Century central Europe:

Climatic causes and economic consequences." *Climatic Change*, vol. 43, no. 1, 1999, pp.

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How to Cite a Book:



∞ BOOKS

One Author:

Frill, Marlene Tarq. *George Washington*. New York: Franklin Watts, 1997. Print

∞ Two Authors:

Walker, Alan, and Pat Shipman. *The Life of Harriet Tubman*. New York: A.A. Knopf, 1993. Print.

∞ Editor but No Single Author:

Willis, Roy, ed. *Ben Franklin's Amazing Life*. New York: Holt, 1996. Print.

How to Format Your Paper

- ☞ Type on 8.5 x 11 paper
- ☞ Use 12 point Times Roman font or something similar.
- ☞ Double-space
- ☞ Leave one space after periods and other punctuation.
- ☞ Set margins to one inch.
- ☞ Indent properly.

