

MLA Scavenger Hunt

Welcome to the MLA Citation Scavenger Hunt Game – an activity in which you will challenge yourself to find (and then correctly cite) new and different types of sources in MLA style! To complete the game, you will need your copy of the *LB* Brief. You will have to visit the LB Library in Willamette Hall or another source for a non-fiction book.

1) Find a Nonfiction Book with One Author:

In the library, find any nonfiction book you like that has one (and only one) author. Read about this author on the back cover (or in the “About the Author” page near the end of the book) so that you understand why this person has enough credibility to speak intelligently on his or her topic. Then write a sentence “directly quoting” from the inside of the book. Your sentence should include the following.

- a) The author’s name in the body of the sentence
- b) A brief explanation of the author’s credentials (or his/her Ethos).
- c) A correct MLA in-text (AKA “Parenthetical”) citation, remembering that whatever appears in the body of your sentence need not appear inside the parentheses.

My Sentence:

Next, write the appropriate Works Cited Page entry for a book with one author. You may use cursive lettering wherever italic text is required. Also, remember to include a “hanging indent” before all lines after the first.

Works Cited Entry:

2) Find an Authored Magazine Article (Print or Library Database)

In the library or through its online database, find a printed magazine article that has one (and only one) author. Find out a little more about the author so that you understand why this person has enough credibility to speak intelligently on his or her topic. Then write a sentence “directly quoting” from the article. Your sentence should include the following.

- a) The author’s name in the body of the sentence
- b) A brief explanation of the author’s credentials (or his/her Ethos).
- c) A correct MLA in-text (AKA “Parenthetical”) citation,
remembering that whatever appears in the body of your
sentence need not appear inside the parentheses.

My Sentence:

Next, write the appropriate Works Cited Page entry for an authored article from a print magazine, remembering that the info and format required is slightly different than what you wrote for the Works Cited entry above. You may use cursive wherever italic text is required. Also, remember to include a “hanging indent” before all lines after the first.

Works Cited Entry:

3) Find an Authored Article from a Website:

Using one of the many library computers (or one of your own, if you have one), find an online article with a clearly named author. Repeat the Sentence and Works Cited exercises above – *but this time with a few changes:*

- a) Assume that you've already introduced your source.
- b) Do not include the author's name in the body of your sentence
- c) Paraphrase (or "summarize" in your own words) instead of quoting.
- d) You must still include the Author's last name in the in-text reference.

My Sentence:

Works Cited Entry:

4) **Find and Cite Authorless Text from a Whole Website:**

Using one of the many library computers (or one of your own, if you have one), find an online article or information on a webpage that does not have a clearly named author. In such a situation, you cannot cite an author, so you must cite the whole website as the original location of your info. Repeat the Sentence and Works Cited exercises from the last section, with a few new twists:

- a) Assume that you've already introduced your source.
- b) Do not include the author's name in the body of your sentence (because there won't be an author name).
- c) **Do** mention the **Name of the Website** in the body of your sentence. This will at least alert the reader that where the info comes from, even though you do not have an author.
- d) Paraphrase (or "summarize" in your own words) instead of quoting.
- e) You will probably not be able to manage the info for an in-text reference, which is fine, as long as you've mentioned the **Name of the Website** in your sentence.

My Sentence:

Works Cited Entry:

****Return at the beginning of our next class!**