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**Special note:**

*Last year, the SIRS database cites articles were written using the 7th Edition of the MLA. I will accept citations copied from the databases. The change does not affect in-text or parenthetical citations in your essay.*

Example:

Griffith, Jessica Mesman. "The Spiritual Life of the American Teenager." *U.S. Catholic*. Aug.

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**MLA In-text Citation Guide and Practice**

**What are they?**

**Why use them?**

**A few ways to cite a source with an author in your essay:**

1. Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).
2. Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).
3. Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

The Works Cited entry for this source is:

Wordsworth, William. Lyrical Ballads. London: Oxford UP, 1967. Print.

**Without an author, you still need to cite the source. Use an abbreviation.**

*We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).*

***The Works Cited entry for this article states the entire title, but an abbreviated title is used in the text reference.***

"The Impact of Global Warming in North America." Global Warming: Early Signs. 1999, www.globalwarmingearlysigns.com/impactofglobalwNA. Accessed 23 Mar. 2009.

Research Q1 Assignment: Choose a topic that is interesting to you—connected to a future career, a long-term burning issue or something that is currently in the news. Read about it for four-five weeks. Read challenging articles or chapters in a book on this topic. One article or chapter will be due each week.

Bring in evidence of reading, note-taking, and questioning.

* Find a quote from the article.
* Summarize part or all of your article.
* Cite the source using the MLA format.

As you choose the rest of your articles, look for new information, graphics and stories that give more depth and detail to your prior knowledge of the issue or topic. Use of the JMB databases is strongly encouraged.

Works Cited Directions:

1. Take out the article summaries with MLA citations for your research topic.
2. Open a Word Document and set the font to Times New Roman and the size to 12pt. font.
3. Set the page to double-space (2.0).
4. Write your last name on the upper right-hand side of the paper.
5. In the center of the page at the top, write—Works Cited.
6. Beginning at the left margin, write the whole MLA citation for each of your research sources.
   1. You may copy the citation from the databases or your notes.
   2. If you did not use a database, create the citation using the notes you have:

Use this order:

Author’s last name, Author’s first name. “Tile of the page or article.” The name of the source (use italics), the date of the source. The whole URL. The access date.

1. After all are written, move them into alphabetical order based on the first word in the citation. Example: An article written by Margaret Bohlen would be after an article without an author that is titled, “Animal . . .”

(Whether the entry has an author or not does not matter.)

1. Double-check that spacing is still double for the whole page. Then add a “return” to the end of the first line, tab the second line, (and third if necessary), to create reverse indention in the document.

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