



• Integrating Sources in MLA •

Week 3 Lesson



MLA Format

MLA format is the style guidelines for the Modern Language Association. These guidelines can help us document sources in academic writing.

Hamburgers

Tacos

Food
Party



MLA format helps us create citations

A citation is like a finger print for the source you're using. It helps readers find the original source so they can access it too. It also helps you give credit to writers so that you can avoid plagiarism.

How Do We Do It?

There are two places where we need to document our sources in an essay.



In your paragraphs

These are called MLA in-text citations.



At the end of your essay

This is called the Works Cited page.

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In-text citations

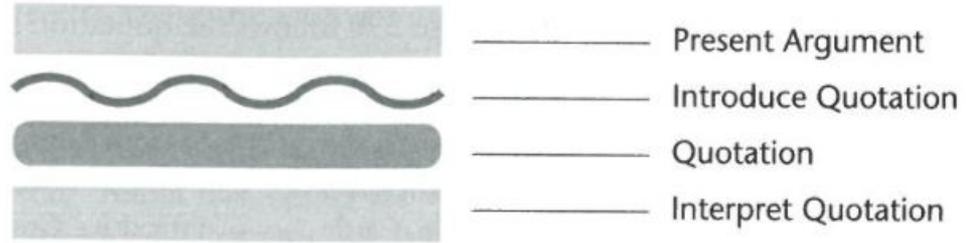
Let's start with how to integrate a source into your body paragraphs.





I don't know whether or not a hot dog qualifies as a sandwich, but I do know that a body paragraph does!

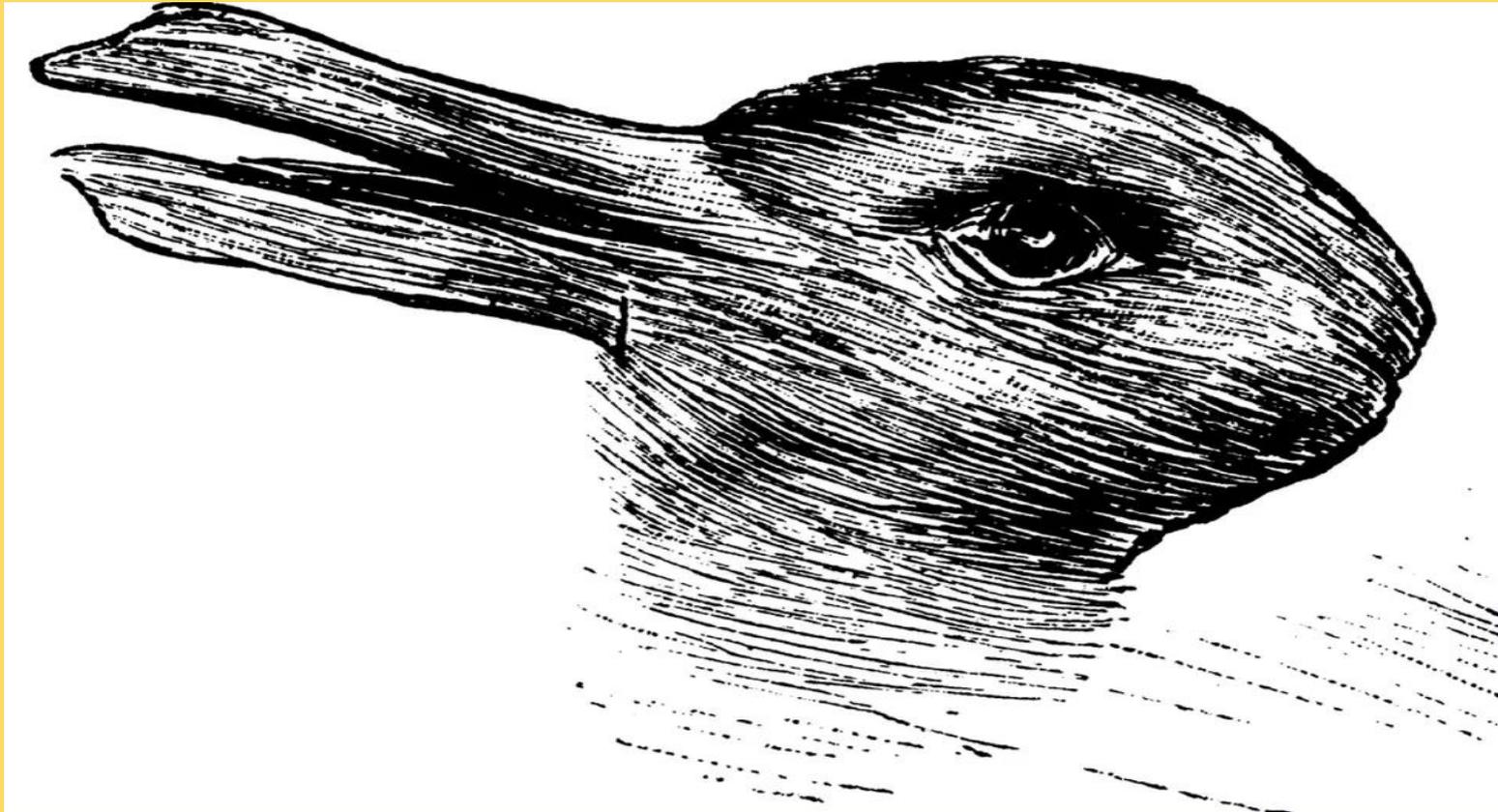
The Quote Sandwich



The Quotation Sandwich

(Graff & Birkenstein, *Digging Into Literature*, 46)

What do you see in this image?



Did you see a rabbit or a duck?

Imagine you had to convince someone who sees a rabbit that this is actually an image of a duck. How would you go about convincing them?

Maybe you could tell them to look at the lines between the beak and suggest that those lines indicate this is the duck's tongue. Maybe you could call their attention to the difference in shade in the middle of the image at the base of the beak and argue that this indicates there is a difference between the texture of the beak and the texture of the feathers.



What if you see a rabbit and had to convince someone who sees a duck that this is in fact an image of a rabbit?

Maybe you could call their attention to the slight indent on the right side of the image and argue that this is the curve of the rabbit's nose.

Things to Remember about how Quotes are like optical illusions



You're not wrong just because someone interprets the image/quote differently. It is both a rabbit and a duck.

It's both



Because someone can interpret the quote/image differently, it is important to tell your reader what you see.

What you see



The best way to get someone to see your side is to stand up and point at the image/quote by "zooming-in"

Zoom in!

Argue Like a Lawyer: The Body Paragraph Quote Sandwich

Present your claim:

- Be confident
- Be yourself
- Make connections between your evidence and your argument

Introduce, include, and cite your evidence:

Explain, “zoom-in”, **and** connect your evidence to your argument

This example shows...

This example illustrates...

This communicates...

Which means...

Present your claim:

While some people believe that videogames incite violence among youth, they actually function as ways for children to cope with their emotions.

Introduce, include, and cite your evidence:

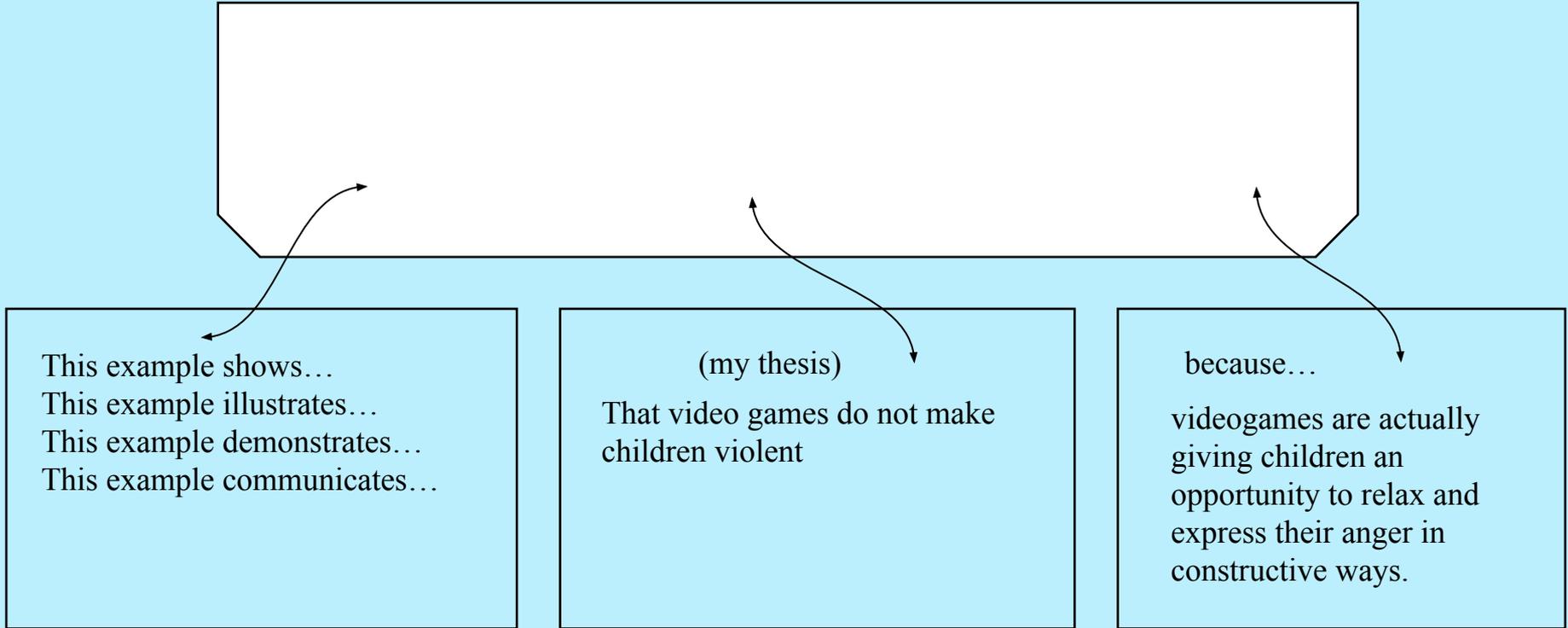
A peer-reviewed study in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* titled “Factors Correlated with Violent Video Game Use by Adolescent Boys and Girls” claims that “61.9% of boys played to ‘help me relax,’ 47.8% because ‘it helps me forget my problems,’ and 45.4% because ‘it helps me get my anger out” (Olson et al. 82).

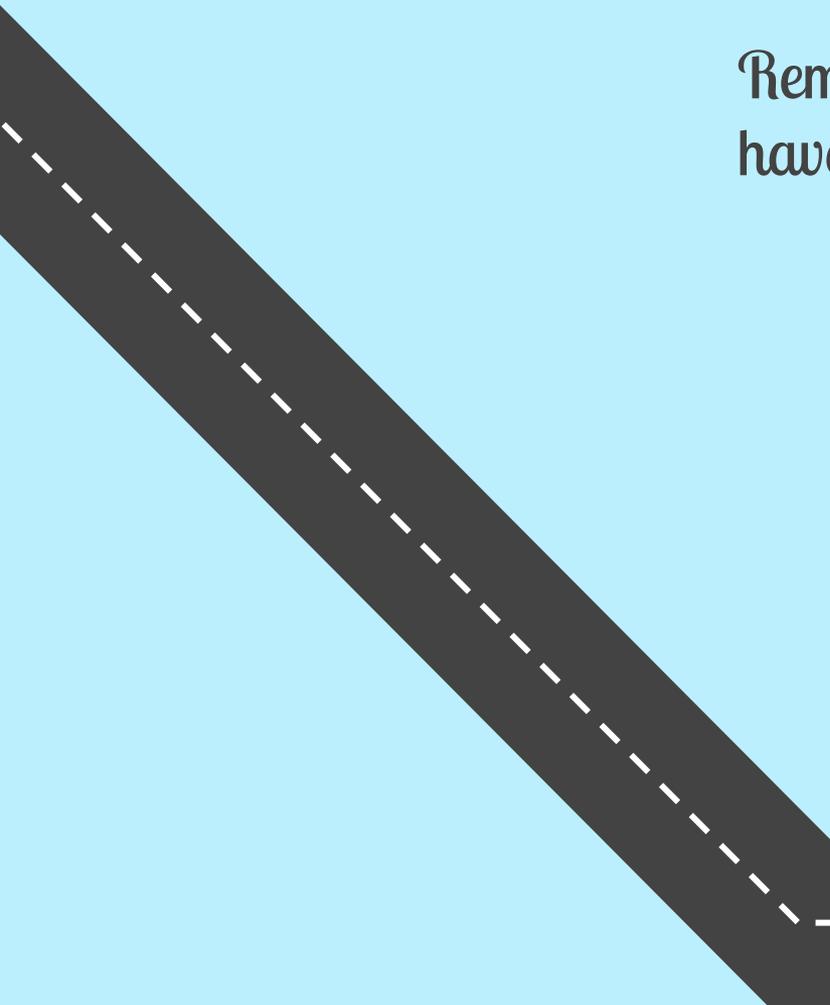
Explain, “zoom in”, connect your evidence to your argument

In other words, more than half of boys surveyed do not feel aggressive after playing videogames. **When it says**, “It helps me get my anger out” **this illustrates** that videogames are being used as tools to help children experience catharsis, which is the process of releasing and dealing with emotions. **This shows** that videogames do not make children violent and aggressive because videogames are actually giving children an opportunity to relax and express their anger in constructive ways.

How to Make Connections at the end of the Quote Sandwich:

Explain, “zoom in”, **and** Connect your evidence to your argument





Remember this is a skill you already have!



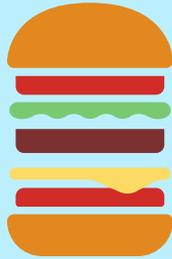
When you tell a story about something that someone said, you most likely use this method.



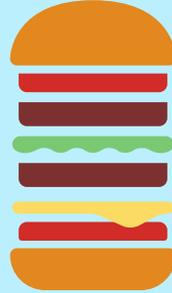
You won't just jump into a quote of something your sister said because we would think you are saying it.

You might not use citations in speech (unless you're angry or making an argument) "she said at 2:59 last night, 'K' you believe that?!" but you probably introduce quotes.

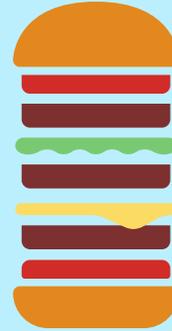
MLA in-text Citations



Introduce your
quote with a
signal phrase



Provide the quote
inside "quotation
marks."



Provide the
citation in
(parenthesis)

Examples!

If your source has a page number and more than 3 authors: use the last name of the first author, “et al” which means “and others” and the page number in parenthesis.

According to the article “The Benefits of Playing Video Games” it says, “Contrary to conventional beliefs that playing video games is intellectually lazy and sedating, it turns out that playing these games promotes a wide range of cognitive skills. This is particularly true for shooter video games (often called ‘action’ games by researchers), many of which are violent in nature. Compared to control participants, those in the shooter video game condition show faster and more accurate attention allocation, higher spatial resolution in visual processing, and enhanced mental rotation abilities” (Granic et al. 68).

If your source does not have a page number: only include the author’s last name in the parenthesis.

The article “How Video Games Affect the Brain” argues that, “Video game use is known to affect attention. The studies included in the review show that video game players display improvements in several types of attention, including sustained attention and selective attention. Furthermore, the regions of the brain that play a role in attention are more efficient in gamers compared with non-gamers, and they require less activation to stay focused on demanding tasks.” (Nichols).

Examples!

If your source does not have an author or page number, include a shortened version of the title in parenthesis:

According to Global Warning: Early Signs, the reason that we have so many global warming hotspots in North America is likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change..." ("Impact of Global Warming").

Practice activity: choose a quote from the following paragraph, and create a quote sandwich.

“After 75 Years, Isaac Asimov’s Three Laws of Robotics Need Updating”

By Mark Robert Anderson

The Conversation

2017

The other big issue with the laws is that we would need a significant advancement in AI for robots to actually be able to follow them. The goal of AI research is sometimes described as developing machines that can think and act rationally and like a human. So far, emulating human behaviour has not been well researched in the field of AI and the development of rational behaviour has focused on limited, well defined areas.

With this in mind, a robot could only operate within a very limited sphere and any rational application of the laws would be highly restricted. Even that might not be possible with current technology, as a system that could reason and make decisions based on the laws would need considerable computational power.

Given all these issues, Asimov’s laws offer little more than founding principles for someone wanting to create a robotic code today. We need to follow them with a much more comprehensive set of laws. That said, without significant developments in AI, implementing such laws will remain an impossible task. And that’s before we even consider the potential for hurt should humans start to fall in love with robots.

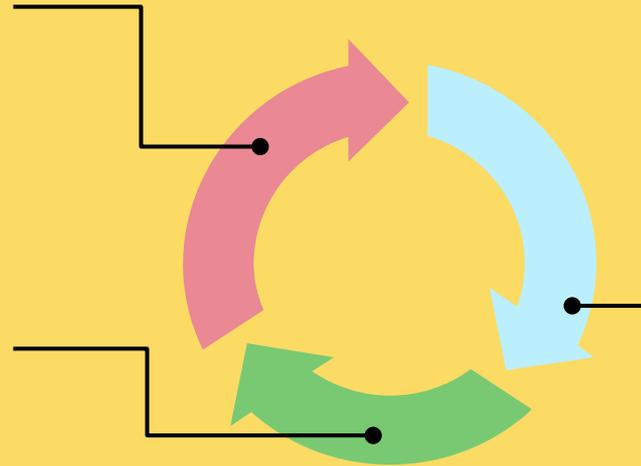
Your in-text citations are connected to your works cited page!

In-text citation

Includes the last name of the author and page number

A Curious Reader

Wonders where your sources are coming from- and can easily see the connections!



Works Cited page

Begins with the last name of the author



02 Works Cited Page

This is a list at the end of your essay which tells your reader more information about your sources.

Title



Works Cited

Adams, Amanda. *Citing Sources: How to Cite a Book*. Academic Press, 2019.

Barnes, Barney. "A Chapter in an Edited Collection." *A Book of Examples*, edited by John Smith, Academic Press, 2019, pp. 25–35.

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Cox, Christopher, and Brian D. Smith. "The Title of the Article." *Website name*, 15 Sept. 2019, www.scribbr.com/page.

Dayton, Daniels, and Bob Matthew Williams. "Journal Article Title." *Journal of Academic Research*, vol. 32, no. 15, 2014, pp. 232–265, doi:10.1080/02626667.2018.1560449.



Elements of an End Citation

An end citation is the list of sources at the end of your paper. In MLA we call this a “Works Cited” page.

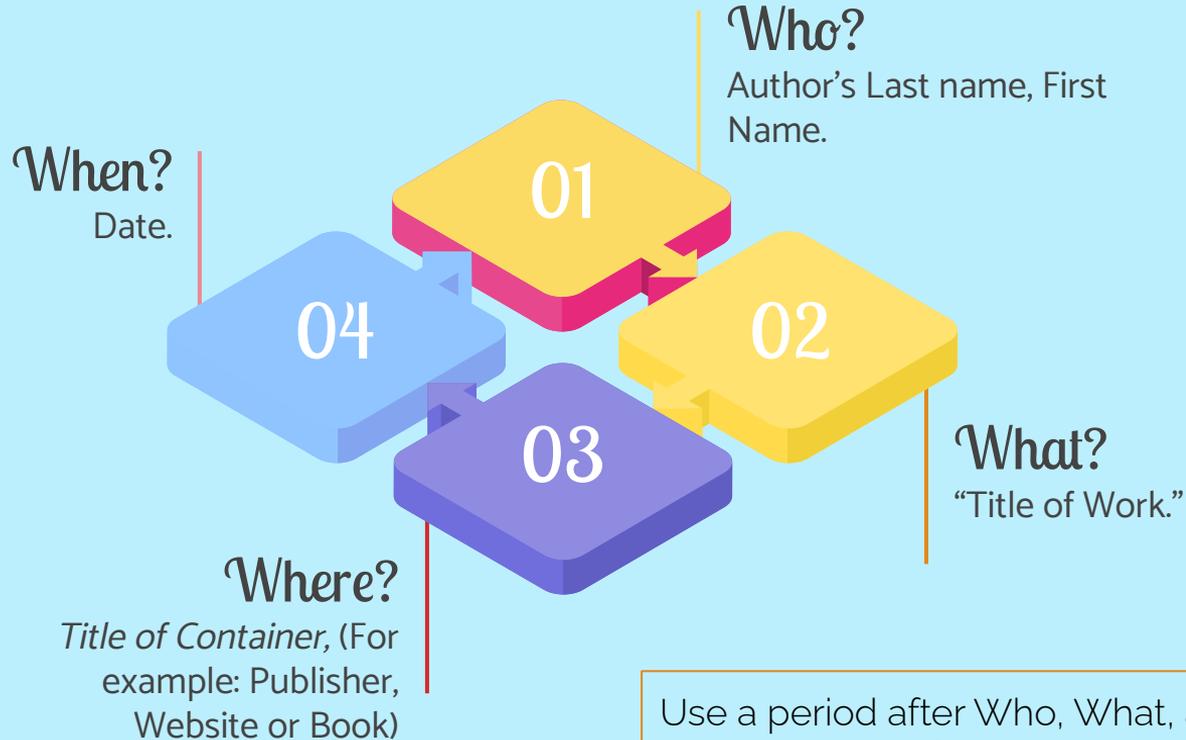
A Works Cited page helps your reader know where you’ve retrieved your information so they can access the source.

To make this process easier for researchers and readers, citations have two important qualities.

1. They are in alphabetical order
2. The first word on the end citation will ALWAYS match your in-text citations.



Citations are made up of 4 main parts:



Use a period after Who, What, and When.
Use a comma after Where.



Resources for Creating Citations



Citation Generators

These websites will put all your information in the format you need. But remember, robots aren't that smart. Always check the information before copying it.

<http://www.citationmachine.net/>
<http://www.easybib.com/>



Purdue Owl

This website has all the MLA guidelines. All the following examples are from this website.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html



Let's Try Together!

<https://theconversation.com/after-75-years-isaac-asi-movs-three-laws-of-robotics-need-updating-74501>

<https://www.citationmachine.net/>

Movies

Films or Movies

List films by their title. Include the name of the director, the film studio or distributor, and the release year. If relevant, list performer names after the director's name.

Speed Racer. Directed by Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski, performances by Emile Hirsch, Nicholas Elia, Susan Sarandon, Ariel Winter, and John Goodman, Warner Brothers, 2008.

Television

Recorded Television Episodes

Cite recorded television episodes like films (see above). Begin with the episode name in quotation marks. Follow with the series name in italics. When the title of the collection of recordings is different than the original series (e.g., the show *Friends* is in DVD release under the title *Friends: The Complete Sixth Season*), list the title that would help researchers to locate the recording. Give the distributor name followed by the date of distribution.

"The One Where Chandler Can't Cry." *Friends: The Complete Sixth Season*, written by Andrew Reich and Ted Cohen, directed by Kevin Bright, Warner Brothers, 2004.

Netflix, Hulu, Google Play

Generally, when citing a specific episode, follow the format below.

"94 Meetings." *Parks and Recreation*, season 2, episode 21, NBC, 29 Apr. 2010. *Netflix*,

www.netflix.com/watch/70152031.

Articles

An Article in a Web Magazine

Provide the author name, article name in quotation marks, title of the web magazine in italics, publisher name, publication date, URL, and the date of access.

Bernstein, Mark. "10 Tips on Writing the Living Web." *A List Apart: For People Who Make Websites*, 16 Aug. 2002, alistapart.com/article/writeliving. Accessed 4 May 2009.

Lundman, Susan. "How to Make Vegetarian Chili." eHow, www.ehow.com/how_10727_make-vegetarian-chili.html. Accessed 6 July 2015.

"Athlete's Foot - Topic Overview." WebMD, 25 Sept. 2014, www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/tc/athletes-foot-topic-overview.



Assignments Due this Week

Essay #2 Analytical Essay

Due Monday January 25th at
midnight

Extra Credit: Google Form Topics for Essay #3

Due Friday January 22nd at midnight



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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