Citing Sources in Social Studies & English Class
Giving Credit Where Credit is Due MLA Style!

To reference (also known as document) sources in Social Studies and English class (Criterion C in Socials & Criterion B in English), you need to do 2 things:

- Thing #1. write a Works Cited list - a bibliography in MLA style
- Thing #2. cite your sources in-text

Here’s how...

THING TO DO #1. Write a Works Cited

A Works Cited is a list of all the sources you used to complete your assignment. The list is made up of citations. To write a citation, use one of these free online citation generators. These tools format your citations properly.

Online Citation Generators

https://www.citethisforme.com/modern-language-association
http://www.easybib.com/
http://www.bibme.org/mla/website-citation

After you use the online citation generator to create your citations, you need to format your list.

To format your list, complete these steps...

1. On a separate piece of paper/slide from the rest of your work write the title Works Cited.
2. Arrange your citations in alphabetical order.
3. Double space your list.
4. Use hanging indent to format the entire list. (to do this, highlight all the text > right click > paragraph > indentation > special > hanging)
Here’s an example of what a **Works Cited** looks like.

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**Works Cited**


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**THING TO DO #2. Cite In-Text**

You must **cite in-text** all ideas and information you get from your sources, whether you **quote** or **paraphrase** (write the information in your own words).

**Citing in-text** is when you credit your source immediately after using the information from the source by putting brackets around the first unit of information from your **citation**. (If you are citing a print source, include the page number too.)

To cite in-text, follow these steps...
1. After you use a **quotation** (something you copied exactly from a source) and after you **paraphrase** (write an idea from a source in your own words), locate the source of the quote or idea on your **Works Cited** list.

2. In brackets after the quotation or idea, write the first piece of information that appears in the citation. For print sources, include the page number.

For example, here’s a **quotation** and an **in-text citation** from *The Hunger Games* book:

   Katniss hears a “mocking jay give the warning whistle that precedes the hovercraft” (Collins 237).

Here’s another example from a PowerPoint presentation on the Middle Ages. This example has an **in-text citation** for a paraphrased idea and an **in-text citation** for a quotation.

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Questions??? Need help citing something???
See Ms Tieche in the library between 8:00-4:00

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