

MLA Citations

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Grade 9 Geography

What is a citation?

- A way to give credit to the author or source of your information and to tell the reader where to find the source



Almost 90 000 people died in the 2008 earthquake in Sichuan.

Where did you get that statistic? Is it reliable?

I read it in an article by Kenneth Pletcher in the Encyclopedia Britannica.

No citations = Plagiarism

“...Taking and passing off as one’s own someone else’s work or ideas (from Latin *plagiārius*, kidnapper, literary thief).”

~ Macmillan Dictionary



So what if you plagiarize?



- Receive a zero on the assignment
- Get kicked out of a college / university course
- Be put on academic probation, suspended, or expelled from college / university
- Lose your job
- Be sued by the person whose idea you “borrowed”

To Cite Your Sources

In-Text Citation

- Short reference to sources in Works Cited list
- Appears throughout paper

Works Cited List

- Alphabetical list of all the works you used
- Appears at the end of your paper

How to Make an In-Text Citation

- When possible, use author and page #:

(Johnson 5)

- For websites and sources with no page number:

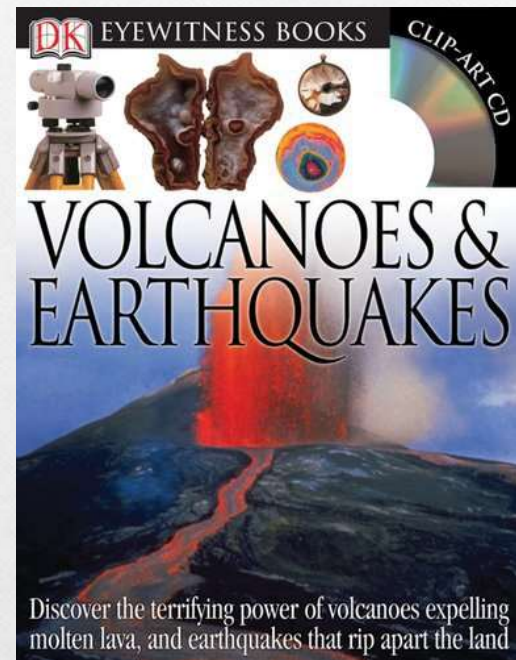
(Lee)

- For websites and sources with no author or page number, use the page title:

(“Where Earthquakes Occur”)

What does an in-text citation look like?

Like a puzzle, the Earth's surface is made up of many pieces called plates. Earthquakes and volcanoes occur when these plates come together or move apart. (Van Rose 10)



How to Make a Works Cited List

- Use MLA style for geography.
- List sources alphabetically.
- Double space your sources.
- Use a hanging indent.
- Use <http://www.citationmachine.net/> to help with formatting.

Works Cited

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Your Task:

Use citationmachine.net to help make MLA citations for a Works Cited List for the following webpages.

- <http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-earthquake.htm>
- <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/science/earthquake/#earthquake-houses.jpg>
- <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/kids/eqscience.php>
- Find one more webpage on your own and cite it.

Check your work

Works Cited

"Earthquake." *National Geographic Kids*. National Geographic Society, 2015, kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/science/earthquake/#earthquake-houses.jpg. Accessed 16 Feb. 2016.

Wald, Lisa. "The Science of Earthquakes." *U.S. Geological Survey*. U.S. Department of the Interior & U.S. Geological Survey, 18 July 2012, earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/kids/eqscience.php. Accessed 16 Feb. 2016.

Wicker, Crystal. "Earthquakes." *Weather Wiz Kids*. 2015, www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-earthquake.htm. Accessed 16 Feb. 2016.

Your Task:

Use citationmachine.net to help make MLA citations for a Works Cited List for the following online newspaper articles.

- <http://www.calgarysun.com/2016/01/15/scientists-think-fracking-can-cause-earthquakes-but-they-dont-know-how>
- <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/bc-struck-by-moderate-earthquake/article27956563/>
- <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/it-was-no-megathrust-no-big-one-but-the-recent-moderate-b-c-earthquake-stirred-up-big-worries>
- Find one more newspaper article on your own and cite it.

Check your work

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- Hager, Mike. "Earthquake with 4.7 Magnitude Felt Throughout B.C.'s South Coast." *The Globe and Mail*, 31 Dec. 2015, www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/bc-struck-by-moderate-earthquake/article27956563. Accessed 16 Feb. 2016.
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Helpful Hints for Citing Online Resources

- Common to have no author. Leave it out.
- “Page Title” and *Site Title* are different.
- All sites have a publisher. Look for the organization that made the site.
- If the publisher and *Site Title* are the same, only include the *Site Title*.
- You need the “last updated” date, not the copyright date.
- Not all sites have a date. Leave it out if it is unavailable.
- When citing websites, include the URL, but leave out the https://