

# KEY

MLA

## GUIDED NOTES

As we work through the lecture, fill in the answers

1. What does MLA stand for? Modern Language Association
2. Proper MLA citations do four things:
  1. Help curious readers retrace your research steps.
  2. Help you build (credibility) and be more likely to win your argument.
  3. Give (credit) to the people who've done the work you want to talk about.
  4. Allow you to avoid a charge of (plagiarism).
3. In-text citations are also sometimes called (parenthetical notation).
4. What needs to be cited in your essay? Anything that doesn't come from you.
5. In an essay packet, where is the works cited page located? On the last page of the essay
6. Is this in-text citation correctly formatted? Why or why not? "I like girls, girls, girls, girls, girls, girls, girls." (Bieber, p. 185).  
No, the punctuation is wrong. It should look like: "I like girls, girls, girls, girls, girls, girls, girls" (Bieber 85).
7. If you use a signal phrase in the sentence, does the author's name still need to be included in the in-text citation? Yes No
8. Will every works cited entry have all nine core elements? Yes No
9. For works cited entries, how is an author's name listed? It is listed like this: Last name, First name.
10. Give two examples of a source: Students need to list only two of the following: book title (if you used the whole book); chapter/section title (if you used only that part of book); newspaper/magazine/academic journal article title; website article headline/title; YouTube video title.
11. Give two examples of a container: Students need to list only two of the following: book title that contained the chapter or section you used; title of academic journal that an article was located in; main website that the webpage you used was on; database name where a journal and article were found; online streaming provider, such as Netflix or Youtube.
12. Should you include the full url for web resources? Why or why not? Yes. Your audience might be reading your paper on a screen and the url becomes a clickable link, making it easy for your reader to retrace your steps. Do NOT include the "http://" or "https://" web address protocol.
13. Which of the nine core elements of a works cited entry end with a period? Only #1 (author), #2 (title of source), and #9 (location). All others are strung together with commas.
14. Would the title of a song be italicized or placed in quotation marks? Why? It would be placed in quotation marks because it is a small work. The full album on which the song appears, though, would be italicized.
15. You want to use a full article about Albert Einstein found on pages 26 to 31 of Discover Magazine, which is produced by Kalmbach Publishing. This particular edition of the magazine was published in June 2016 and is labeled as Vol. 37, No. 5. The article, All in His Head, was written by Andy Berger. Build the works cited entry:  
  
Berger, Andy. "All in His Head." *Discover Magazine*, vol. 37, no. 5, Kalmbach Publishing, June 2016, pp. 26-31.
16. What's the recommended font style and size for formal essay writing? Times New Roman, 12 pt.
17. If you get stuck figuring out how to cite something, what should you do? Consult the MLA Handbook 9th Edition at the library or visit the MLA website at style.mla.org.