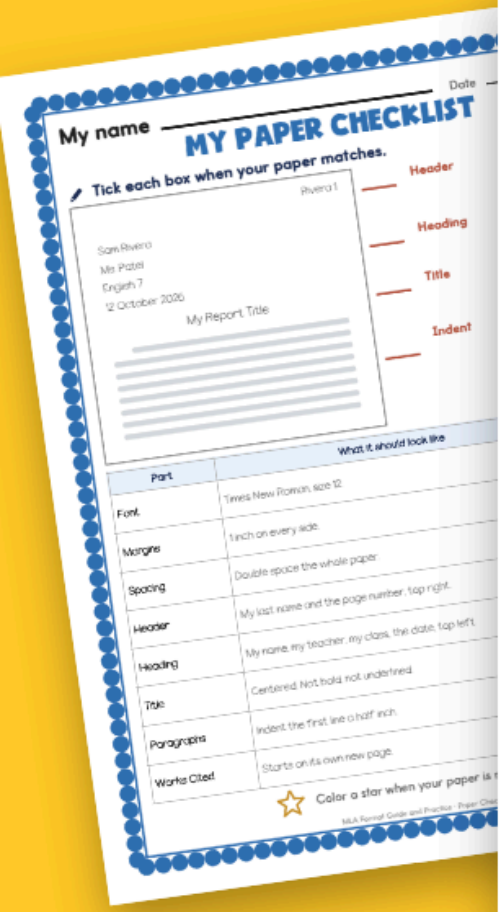
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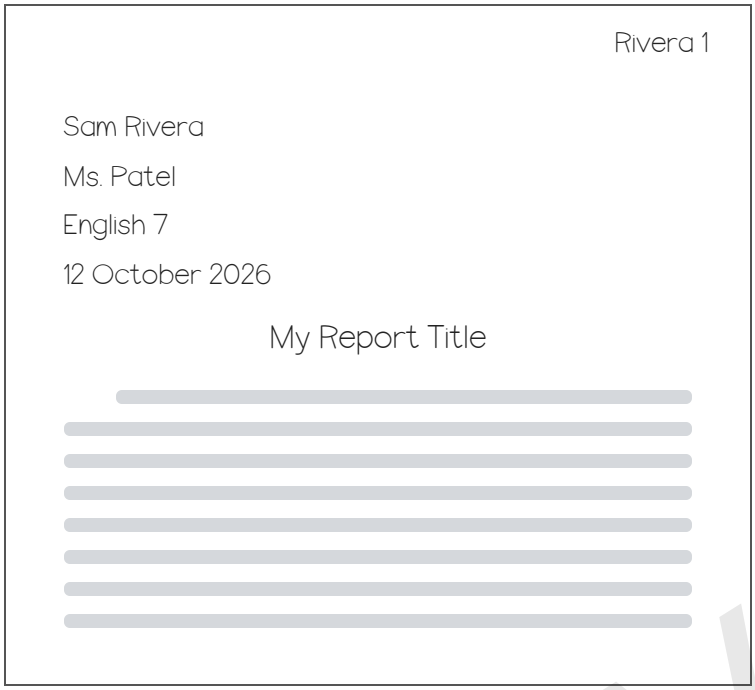
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Tick each box when your paper matches.



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Font	Times New Roman, size 12.	
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MY HEADING AND HEADER

Fill in the top of page 1.

_____ _____

Name _____

Teacher _____

Class _____

Date _____

_____

my title, centered

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Top right: the header
My last name, a space, the page number. Example: Rivera 1

Top left: the heading
Name, teacher, class, date. The date goes day month year. Example: 12 October 2026

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FIND THE PARTS

Copy each part into its box. Write none if it is missing.

Author Title of source Container Publisher Date Location

SPACE ROCKS

by Dana Hughes

Published by Starlight Press · 2020

Author _____

Title of the book _____

Publisher _____

Year _____

www.wildfactskids.example/wolves

Wild Facts for Kids

WOLF PACK ROLES

No author is listed.
Posted April 11, 2023 · Nature Club Media

Author _____

Title of the page _____

Name of the website _____

Publisher _____

Date _____

Web address _____

Garden Gazette Junior

September 27, 2021

THE BIGGEST PUMPKIN EVER

by Ben Torres
pages 14 to 15

Author _____

Title of the article _____

Magazine _____

Date _____

Pages _____

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CITE AN ARTICLE

Fill each box from the card. Then write it all together.

Young Reader Weekly

April 12, 2022

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING SOCK

by Daniel Chen

pages 18 to 21

Author _____

Title of the article _____

Magazine _____

Date _____

Pages _____

Put it all together

Last, First. "Title of Article." *Magazine Name*, Day Mon. Year, pp. 1-2.

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CITE IT IN THE SENTENCE

Write the citation that goes at the end.

1 Hermit crabs trade shells as they grow.
Source: Mendoza, page 17
(_____)

2 A beehive can hold thousands of bees.
Source: Alvarez, no page number
(_____)

3 Robots can stir and pour.
Source: Okafor, Nair, page 12
(_____)

4 Volcanoes form where plates meet.
Source: no author: "Facts About Volcanoes", no page number
(_____)

5 Dreams may help us remember.
Source: Brooks, page 7
(_____)

6 Paper planes fly farther with folded wings.
Source: Singh, no page number
(_____)

Color a star when you finish!

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PRACTICE SHEET B

Write a Works Cited entry for each card.

MOON GARDEN MYSTERIES

by Sofia Lindqvist

Published by Evergreen House · 2018

Source 1. Write the citation.

_____

_____

_____

www.earthkids.example/volcanoes

Earth Kids Online

FACTS ABOUT VOLCANOES

No author is listed.
Posted September 14, 2022 · Earth Kids Club

Source 2. Write the citation.

_____

_____

_____

Pet Pals

June 5, 2020

TRAINING A RESCUE DOG

by Minji Park

pages 30 to 33

Source 3. Write the citation.

_____

_____

_____

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Color a star when you finish!

A Filled-In Works Cited Page

An example for an invented student, Sam Rivera. The 4 sources are made up; nothing here is a real book, site or magazine. The entries are in ABC order by the first word.

Works Cited

Baker, Owen. "Frogs After Dark." *Nature Junior*, 2 May 2021, pp. 10-13.

Nguyen, Linh. "Rainforest Layers." *Wild World Kids*, Wild World Society, 18 Oct. 2022, www.wildworldkids.example/layers.

"Ocean Tides Explained." *Sea School Online*, Sea School Network, 7 Feb. 2023, www.seaschool.example/tides.

Whitfield, Grace. *The Lighthouse Keeper's Year*. Salt Cove Books, 2017.

Header
Last name and page number, top right.

Title
Works Cited, centered. Not bold.

ABC order
By the first word. Ocean (a title) goes in among the authors' last names.

Hanging indent
Line one at the left. Lines after it indent a half inch.

Double space
Every line, with no extra space between entries.

PREVIEW

Sentence Starters for Using Sources

17 starters in 5 groups. Finish each one in your own words, then add the in-text citation at the end of the sentence.

Starting with the author

According to ____, ...

____ explains that ...

____ points out that ...

____ shows that ...

Starting with the source

In the article "____," the writer says ...

The website ____ explains that ...

The book ____ tells us that ...

Adding a quote

The author writes, "____."

One example is "____."

As ____ puts it, "____."

Using more than one source

____ and ____ agree that ...

____ says ..., but ____ says ...

Another source, ____, adds that ...

Wrapping up the idea

This shows that ...

In other words, ...

This matters because ...

All of this tells me ...

My own starters

_____

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MLA Quick Reference

The 3 citation patterns, the 5 in-text patterns and the paper rules on one page. Keep it next to your paper while you write.

Book

Last, First. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Year.

Website

Last, First. "Title of Page." *Website Name*, Publisher, Day Mon. Year, web address.

Article

Last, First. "Title of Article." *Magazine Name*, Day Mon. Year, pp. 1-2.

In-text	Looks like
One author	(Mendoza 24)
Two authors	(Okafor and Nair 40)
Three or more	(Hall et al. 52)
No author	("Facts About Volcanoes")
Name in the sentence	(24)

Paper	Rule
Font	Times New Roman, size 12.
Margins	1 inch on every side.
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Before you hand it in

- The page is titled Works Cited, centered.
- The entries are in ABC order by the first word.
- Every entry after the first line is indented a half inch.
- Every source I used in my paper has an entry.
- Every in-text citation matches an entry.

Months in a date: 9 are shortened, 3 are written in full (May, June, July)

January = **Jan.**	February = **Feb.**	March = **Mar.**	April = **Apr.**
May = **May**	June = **June**	July = **July**	August = **Aug.**
September = **Sept.**	October = **Oct.**	November = **Nov.**	December = **Dec.**

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Folder Cover, Spine and Divider Labels

Slide the cover into a folder front. The labels go on divider pages, one for each kind of sheet.

MY RESEARCH FOLDER

Citations and Works Cited

Name _____

Class _____

Topic _____

My Research Folder

Divider labels

Paper Format | How to Cite | Practice | My Sources

Where each kind of sheet goes

- Paper Format: the checklist (page 4), the heading page and the quick reference.
- How to Cite: the core elements, the three guided pages and the in-text page.
- Practice: find the parts, the practice sources, Build a Works Cited and the sentence starters.
- My Sources: the source tracker, Check My Paper and the filled examples.

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Answer Key: In-Text and Works Cited Order

For the teacher. Parentheses sit inside the sentence, before the period.

In-Text Citations (page 11)

Pattern	Your turn answer
One author	(Whitfield 8)
Two authors	(Singh and Torres 15)
Three or more	(Baker et al. 9)
No author	("Wolf Pack Roles")
Name in the sentence	(8)

Cite It in the Sentence (page 12)

#	Answer
1	(Mendoza 17)
2	(Alvarez)
3	(Okafor and Nair 12)
4	("Facts About Volcanoes")
5	(Brooks 7)
6	(Singh)

Build a Works Cited (page 13)

The numbers to write, in the order the entries are shown: 3, 5, 2, 4, 1.

ABC order	Entry
1	Brooks, Tanya. "Why We Dream." *Science Junior*, 9 Nov. 2021, pp. 6-9.
2	"Facts About Volcanoes." *Earth Kids Online*, Earth Kids Club, 14 Sept. 2022, www.earthkids.example/volcanoes.
3	Lindqvist, Sofia. *Moon Garden Mysteries*. Evergreen House, 2018.
4	Okafor, James, and Priya Nair. *Robots in the Kitchen*. Brightwater Books, 2021.
5	Singh, Ravi. "Build a Paper Plane." *Kids Make It*, Maker Corner Media, 21 Jan. 2022, www.kidsmakeit.example/planes.

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