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- Article Source - the original magazine, newspaper or reference source the article was published in
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**We use MLA format for citations** It is the simplest format to learn. Current version is MLA 8.

Q: WHY do you write citations for resources used in research?

1. **To acknowledge or give credit to the author/source**
2. **To avoid plagiarism** - so people don't think you are claiming to be the original creator of the information.
3. So your audience (teacher, classmates, boss, co-workers) can verify where you got your information from.
4. So you know what source(s) to return to if you need more information or clarification of your notes.

Example of MLA format for a citation:

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- The words Works Cited centered at the top of the page
- Citations alphabetized by author's' last names OR first word of title if no author
- Double-spaced and Times New Roman size 12 font
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