How do I Cite a Source?

What do I cite? Whenever you use a source to give your topic evidence, you need to cite the source. This source can be either a book, website, journal article, video, or anything that is a credible reference.

How do I cite? There are many different ways of citing your sources. The most common formats for citing information would be MLA and APA. They are slightly different from each other, and they both have specific rules depending on the type of source you are pulling information from. In your Biology class, I will have you use MLA formatting, but it is good to familiarize yourself with APA.

The site, Owl Purdue, is an excellent resource to keep in your back pocket. It gives you all of the necessary information on how to cite every type of document you could possibly imagine. It also gives formatting examples. Here is this link:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu

MLA guidelines on Owl Purdue:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

APA guidelines on Owl Purdue:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Where do I put my citation? All projects should have a reference/ bibliography/works cited page. MLA has a "Works Cited" page.

General MLA citation format: Make note of punctuation and italics.

Book:

Author's last name, First name. *Title of Book.* City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publishing.

Website:

Editor, author, or compiler name (if available). *Name of Site.* Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

What is a hanging indent? Notice how the line(s) after first line on citations are pushed forward. This is a hanging indent! To create an hanging indent:

1. Type out the whole citation! Do not worry about indentation right now
2. Highlight the whole citation
3. Go to the Paragraph section on your word document, and then to the "Line spacing options"
4. Find the "Special" section, and click the option for Hanging indent.
   NOTE: The Hanging Indent will ONLY work if you have not fiddled with the citation at all. Remember to just write it out first and then switch it to the hanging indent option.