

Lesson Plan
Practice in Referencing Magazines and Being Pro-Active
(with our regards to Charlotte Fowles,
who suggested users bring discrepancies to the attention of the vendor!)

Grade level(s): Lower-middle to grade 12

Topic: MLA Citations for Magazines

Objective(s): Before beginning actual research for a report or project, become familiar with MLA magazine citation formulas.

Big6 Skills: Task Definition / Location and Access / Use of Information / Synthesis / Evaluation

Materials Required: *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*, paper, pen or pencil.

Time Required: The greater part of one class period; students may have the rest of the time to read a library book!

Description of activities: Compare the citation provided at www.lili.org to the step-by-step instructions provided in the *MLA Handbook* for citing magazine articles. Note the differences. Click on the “Help” tab at the top of the screen. Click on “Contact Us” at the lower left-hand side of the screen. Tell ProQuest (the eLibrary Curriculum vendor) about the differences between their citation and the requirements of the *MLA Handbook*.

Assessment: Print and hand in a copy of your email. It is possible to earn 25 points for precision, polite tone of your communication, making the time frame, printing the copy, and using the rest of your class period to read.

Lesson by: End of class period. Absentees have two days to make up the assignment.