

## Lesson Plan Practice in Referencing Magazines at LiLI-D

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: One class period

Description of activities: Go to [www.lili.org](http://www.lili.org). Log in. Use drop-down box to find eLibrary Curriculum Edition. Clear all the icons except "Magazines." Scroll down a bit and click on "Browse Publications" to find a magazine that seems of interest to you. Bring up one edition that provides full text of its articles.

Locate three short articles in that one magazine.

On the front side of your first notebook page,

- 1) write the name of the magazine (underline it) and the date of the magazine
- 2) list three article titles (in quotation marks)

Read ONE of those articles and

- 3) write some notes on that one article.

On the front side of your second sheet of notepaper,

- 4) write a three-paragraph summary of one of the articles
- 5) click on "citation" for the MLA magazine documentation citation for that article, and copy it to your paper.

Assessment: Possible 100 points: 1) 5 pts., 2) 15 pts., 3) 20 pts., 4) 30 pts., 5) 10 pts. Ten points for neatness, and 10 points for handing in on time.

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