

Lesson Plan Practice in Referencing “Real” Magazines

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: Find a magazine that seems of interest to you.

Locate three short articles.

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) write the MLA magazine documentation citation for that article

Later, you will create a source card for the article you summarize.

Return the magazine to the spot where you found it.

If you do not find a current magazine of interest, ask the circulation desk for a back issue.

You may check out back issues overnight, but fines begin the very next day if it doesn't come in.

You may also ask Mrs. Bowman or a library aide to make you a photocopy of the page.

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.