

3rd Quarter Research Paper 2010

7th Grade:

History:

Greece (Ch 9-11)
Rome (Ch 14-15)
The Middle Ages (Ch 17-28)

Science:

Matter and Energy (Ch 4)
The Atmosphere (Ch 5)

8th Grade:

History:

Colonial America (Ch 5-6)
The Revolutionary War (Ch 8-9)
The War of 1812 (Ch 13)
The Industrial Revolution (Ch 14)
Romanticism and Reform (Ch 16)
Westward Movement (Ch 17)
The Civil War (Ch 18-19)

Science:

Fluids in Motion (Ch 4)
Magnets and Magnetism (Ch 8)



Timeline:

1. Review these chapters above in your history or science textbook and pick one of interest.

Chapter choice DUE Friday, January 8.

2. Choose a specific topic or area of research within one of these chapters and create a Noodletools.com list of at least five resources. Your “Works Cited” page must include at least two books. Your class textbook may not be listed in your “Works Cited” page (ever).

Research topic/area and Noodletools.com “Works Cited” list of at least five resources DUE Thursday, January 28.

3. Write and type a “Topical Outline” based on instruction in class and from the *Grammar and Composition* workbook.

Topical Outline in Word format DUE on Wednesday, February 3.

4. Write and type a “Sentence Outline” based on instruction in class and from the *Grammar and Composition* workbook.

Sentence Outline in Word format DUE on Wednesday, February 17.

5. Based on instruction in class, write ten note cards that support your research topic and your topic outline.

Ten quality note cards DUE on Tuesday, March 2. Note cards must specify to which part of your outline they are applicable.

6. Based on instruction in class, write ten more note cards that support your research topic and your topic outline.

Ten more quality note cards DUE on Tuesday, March 9. Note cards must specify to which part of your outline they are applicable.

7. Based on instruction in class, write and type (in Word format) a research paper of a minimum of five pages and a maximum of seven pages using your outlines and note cards as support. The paper must be double spaced.

Research paper (double spaced and typed in Word format) and between five and seven pages in length DUE on Thursday, March 25. The paper’s grade will go down one full grade per day late.

Dear Parents and Students,

As part of my research paper requirements, every student is required to write a bibliography or "Works Cited" page using the web site www.noodletools.com. Using this web site assists them in creating the document in proper MLA format (that which most high schools require). This wonderful site simplifies this process for students and adults alike. (Share this site with your older children! I've even used it for my own graduate level work!☺) It is so much easier than doing it by hand!

Completing each citation is simple using a "fill-in-the-blank" form and saving/printing is easy. Students have been shown how to do this process in the computer lab; however, this handout may assist them as they review it and proceed at home.

Students: It really is FUN and EASY!

1. Go to this site: www.noodletools.com and add it to your "Favorites."
2. Look under "Free Tools" and click on "NoodleBib MLA Starter" (MLA is the "official" format used to cite in bibliographies.)
3. If are new to Noodletools and have not created a personal ID and password, click "Create a Personal ID." **(If you are returning, start at Step 25.)**
4. On the "Subscription Type" page, the third choice, "A Free NoodleBib MLA Starter Account." It should already be checked as the default choice (or check it). Click "Register."
5. On the "New User Registration" page, choose and type in a personal ID (such as your first initial and last name). Then click "Check Availability" to see if this ID is already in use by another person. If it is, it will ask you to choose another one. Keep doing so until it tells you it is available.
6. Choose and type in a password (that you will remember, or one you already use elsewhere) and retype it as indicated by the blank.
7. Under "Easy Login Retrieval," type in your initials and the last four digits of your telephone number (it explains why) and click "Register."
8. You should have now arrived at the "My Lists" tab page. Note that in fine print near the top middle of the page it says, "Welcome ____ (your ID). You are now "logged in," and you can "sign out" by clicking on "sign out" next to your ID when you leave the site.

NOW you're ready to get going! Go on to Step 9 if you are ready to begin. Remember, this site saves as you go. If you have to stop and you're not done, just log out. Start at Step 12 to get back in and continue where you left off. Ready... Set... Go!

How to Cite (This is awesome!)

9. If you have logged out and are returning, get back into www.noodletools.com. Click on button at the bottom left (in yellow) of the screen called "Current Users: Sign In." You are now

at the registration/sign-in page. Type in your Personal ID and Password. Click "Sign in." Now you will be on the "My Lists" page again.

10. You will be doing most of your work on the "My Lists" and the "Bibliography" tabs. The other tab "Notecards" is available when you purchase the not-free version. ☺
11. You do not have any "saved" lists yet if you are new to NoodleTools which is why your only option under "Description" is to "Create a New List" to begin writing your bibliography (which is titled "Works Cited"). Click on the "Bibliography" tab right next to the "My Lists" tab. In the "Description" blank, name your bibliography based on the subject or title of your research paper. Because some day you may have more than one list "saved," you want to name it specifically, so you will open the desired list again when returning to the site. Click "Create List."

12. You are ready to begin citing your resources to form your bibliography (Works Cited).

13. Note the words "Cite a:" Click on the **down arrow** just right of the words "Select a Citation Type."

Example 1: Cite a "Book"

14. Click on the type of citation you wish to enter. Click "book" to follow the example that follows for citing a book.
15. Click "Create a citation."
16. Every time you see the "Where can other people find this source?" page, you will be asked to tell the MLA Starter if you would find this item in print (such as in a school, home or public library), online (such as an online book), or a digital file (such as a PDF or Word document on your computer). Click the appropriate one. Click *print* to follow this example. Click "Next."
17. Fill in the blanks on the "Book" page. SPELLING IS PARAMOUNT. The NoodleBib MLA Starter puts the information in correct format, but it cannot correct, for example, a misspelling of the author's last name. That's your job. Be very careful as you enter this information. If you have more than one author, click the "Add" button to add more. Note the blue question marks or other blue-colored links to click on for help. These are very helpful and will answer most of your questions – particularly as you get older and more advanced in your writing requirements You can click "Check Spelling and Review" for assistance prior to creating the citation. IGNORE the "Annotation" section for now. When you are all finished, click "Generate Citation."
18. Wahoo! You should now see your citation on your new list as you are returned to the "Works Cited" page.
19. At this point review your citation again for errors. At the far right of the citation, you have the opportunity to edit (to correct errors) , copy, or delete this citation (e.g., if you found out that after finishing your paper you really didn't end up using this resource at all, so you decide to remove it from your Works Cited list).
20. Do you have more citations to create (more resources to list)? Stay on this page, and note the "Cite a:" section at top to create another citation. Just **repeat Steps 13-20 as many times** as needed. Each one you do will be added to this list. Note my "Works Cited" sample to see how it looks when more citations are added.

Example 2: Cite a "Reference Resource"

21. A *Reference Resource* is the next sample citation. Next to “Cite a” choose “Reference Source” from the drop-down menu. Click “Create Citation.” For this example I went to an online encyclopedia, so when you are asked “Where can other people find this resource?” Click “**online**.” Click “Next.”
22. The screen now tells you to “Tell us more about this Source.” Click “**Encyclopedia**.” For “Information about online retrieval of this resource” click “**No**” (always for now) and the “**Next**” button.
23. Now you should see the Elements of the Citation fill-in-the-blanks again. **IMPORTANT** – Note the blanks that have these words behind them: “*required.” It is difficult at times to find all of the information required to fill in all of the boxes. The “required” blanks are the only ones you **MUST** fill in to generate the citation. I would only do those for now. Leave the others blank. **EXCEPTION**: Copy and paste the URL from the website into the URL box. **I am requiring this one**. Therefore, the **FOUR** boxes you fill in are as follows: 1) Article Title; 2) Name of web site or database; 3) URL; and 4) Date you viewed it (this one should be filled in automatically for you as a default setting. Click “**Generate Citation**.”
24. Wahoo! You should now see your citation on your new list as you are returned to the “Works Cited” page.

Example 3: “Cite a Web Site”

25. A *Web Site* is the next sample citation. Next to “Cite a” choose “Web Site” from the drop-down menu. Click “**Create Citation**.” For this example I went to www.homeschoolbuzz.com. It did not ask you “Where can other people find this resource?” because you have already told it you want to cite a web site.
26. Now you should see the Elements of the Citation fill-in-the-blanks again. **IMPORTANT** – Note the blanks that have these words behind them: “*required.” It is difficult at times to find all of the information required to fill in all of the boxes. The “required” blanks are the only ones you **MUST** fill in to generate the citation. I would only do those for now. Leave the others blank. **EXCEPTION**: Copy and paste the URL from the website into the URL box. **I am requiring this one**. Therefore, the **THREE** boxes you fill in are as follows: 1) Name of web site; 2) URL; and 3) Date you viewed it (this one should be filled in automatically for you as a default setting. Click “**Generate Citation**.”
27. Wahoo! You should now see your citation on your new list as you are returned to the “Works Cited” page.

Let’s now pretend that you have cited all of your resources. How do I save and print?

28. Once you are finished citing all of your resources, you should see them all listed on the “Works Cited” page. Are you ready to finish it up? Let’s save and print it. For easy access later, always save the Works Cited document on your computer first and then print it.
29. Under the “Cite a:” box, click the “Save as Word doc” button.
30. On the “Print” page, click “Export and Print” at bottom. A “pop-up” may immediately appear along your top menu bar telling you to “download file.” Right click it and download the file. You will need to do so to continue.
31. Immediately after doing the previous step a “File Download” message box will appear asking you if you want to “Open” or “Save.” OPEN the file.

32. It will take a few seconds to open the file. On my computer I noticed the document name blinking in orange at the bottom of my computer screen. I clicked on it, and eventually it opened up.
33. Wahoo! You should now see your document titled, *Works Cited*, with all of your resources listed in proper "MLA format" including alphabetical order. Cool! **Do not change it at all to retain its correct formatting.** **View the finished document from this handout below.**
34. Save the document to your computer. Print as needed. If you need to make any changes, do not make them on this document. Instead, go back to NoodleTools to make your adjustments there, and save it to computer again and print it. This assures that your document remains in proper MLA format.

Have fun! This sounds really complicated, but with a little practice, it works! Ask if you have questions!

Mrs. VandeKieft

Take a look at the final product! ☺

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