



HOW TO RESEARCH: USING THE INTERNET & CITING SOURCES

More web sites are created every day by different people so you must **REMEMBER** that when you use the internet you are in danger of accessing false, inaccurate, incomplete, grammatically incorrect or misspelt information. **GOOGLE IS NOT GOD & WIKI IS NOT THE ULTIMATE ANSWER.**

When researching **ALWAYS REMEMBER:**

AUTHORITY: Was your source written by someone reliable? Is it named? Is it by a recognised encyclopaedia, information service or academic?

Ex: Encarta, X Refer Plus, University Authority.

CONTENT: Does the source spell words correctly and use good grammar? Try to avoid Americanised language.

CURRENCY: How recent is the source? When was the web-site last updated? Is the information out of date?

CITING: For assignments you must cite (list) the sources you have used correctly providing details of when and where you accessed them using

Lastname, Firstname. "Title." Complete url. Date viewed—
EX:Allingham, Philip V. "Nineteenth-Century British and American Copyright Law." *The Victorian Web*. Available at:

<http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/dickens/pva/pva74.htm>
l. Accessed 3rd December 2007.

COMPARE & CONTRAST: Many search engines are available to you apart from Wikipedia and Google. Always check as many sources as possible to ensure accuracy of dates and facts.



ALWAYS RECOGNISE YOUR SOURCES

ALWAYS ACKNOWLEDGE THE CORRECT URL

ADDRESS. **NEVER PLAGIARISE** as

cutting and pasting is copying someone else's work and will result in ZERO MARKS FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT. could mean ZERO MARKS FOR YOUR COURSE AND IN SOME CASES EXPULSION. Always Recognise critics and use your own observations to back up your arguments.

There are different methods used by the Modern Language Association in which you can cite your sources. MLA style provides writers with systems for referencing their sources through parenthetical citation in their essays and Works Cited pages. Here are some **SITES on CITATIONS** and different ways such as the **British Standard** and **Harvard method of REFERENCING** used for different academic disciplines such as the **Humanities & the Sciences:**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/>
at **PURDUE UNIVERSITY** will give you guidelines on the MLA format for citations.

2. For information on the Harvard Style of Referencing:

<http://skillsforlearning.leedsmet.ac.uk/>

3. For an overview of various styles:

<http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources>

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/library/infosuss/referencing/index.shtml>

<http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/skill/skill1d.html>

Essential Reading: Gibaldi, J. MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. MLA: 2003 (6th ed). ISBN- 9780873529860

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concisely. Make sure you keep a detailed **BIBLIOGRAPHICAL record containing ALL the printed sources that you have used in the correct alphabetical order BY AUTHOR'S SURNAME and in the case of online sources, the dates that you accessed them .**

Remember the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, HOW RULEWHEN

CHECKING THE AUTHENTICITY OF A SOURCE. Who created it,

why did they create it, are they to be trusted as a reliable

source, how current is their information? ALWAYS CROSS

CHECK YOUR SOURCES. THE USE OF MULTIPLE RELIABLE

INFORMATION CORRECTLY CITED AND PARAPHRASED IN YOUR

OWN WORDS WILL INCREASE THE CREDIBILITY OF YOUR WORK.

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Before school at 8.30am	USE BOOKS , NEWS-PAPERS,
Break time from 10.35-10.55 am	PERIODICALS,
Lunchtime from 12.25-1.35pm	FACTUAL POSTERS & THE WEB FOR YOUR
After school until 4.15pm	RESEARCH
(3.15pm on Fridays)	

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