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Answer Key: Citing Your Way to College-Ready: 11th Grade Research Mastery

Information architecture, source synthesis, and ethical attribution — 10 rigorous challenges for mastering nuanced citation and sourcing in high-level academic writing.

1. You are examining the 'The Ethics of CRISPR' published in an open-access journal. While the author has a PhD in Genomics, they are currently employed by a private firm seeking to patent gene-editing technology. Which component of the CRAAP test is most compromised here?

Answer: C) Purpose: Potential commercial bias may influence the findings.

Purpose evaluates the reason the information exists. If an author's employer has a financial stake in the outcome of the research, a significant conflict of interest/bias is present.

2. In a formal APA-style reference list, the ____ is the first element listed when the author of a specific digital report or government document is not identified.

Answer: B) Title of the work

According to APA standards, when there is no credited author, the title of the work moves to the front of the citation followed by the publication date.

3. Self-plagiarism (recycling a paper you wrote for 10th-grade English for an 11th-grade History assignment) is considered an ethical violation in most collegiate academic integrity codes.

Answer: A) True

Standard academic ethics require 'original work' for every submission. Submitting the same work for credit twice without instructor permission is a violation of academic integrity.

4. When synthesizing multiple perspectives on the Harlem Renaissance, you find two sources with conflicting dates regarding a specific event. Which research strategy best maintains academic rigor?

Answer: C) Consult a primary source, such as a localized newspaper from that specific era.

Triangulating data with primary sources (eyewitness accounts or contemporary records) is the standard method for resolving contradictions in secondary source material.

5. If you are citing a direct quote from a digital article without page numbers in MLA format, you should use ____ to help the reader locate the specific section of the text.

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Answer: B) Paragraph numbers (par. X)

In MLA, if page numbers are unavailable but the source includes paragraph numbers, use 'par.' or 'pars.' in the in-text citation.

6. Identify the 'container' in the following MLA citation: Gaiman, Neil. 'The Graveyard Book.' *The Worlds of Fantasy*, edited by Sarah Jenkins, Scholastic, 2014, pp. 12-45.

Answer: C) The Worlds of Fantasy

In MLA 8/9, the 'container' is the larger work (like an anthology, journal, or website) that holds the specific source you are citing.

7. Common knowledge, such as the fact that the Great Wall of China is located in China, requires a formal parenthetical citation in a research paper.

Answer: B) False

Information that can be found in numerous general sources and is widely known by the public ('common knowledge') does not require a citation.

8. Which of these scenarios describes 'indirect' citation (quoting a source that was quoted in another source)?

Answer: C) Using a quote by Albert Einstein that you found inside an article written by Stephen Hawking.

Indirect citation occurs when you want to use a quote from Source A but only have access to Source B where it was reprinted. In MLA, this is indicated with 'qtd. in'.

9. When a researcher deliberately chooses only sources that support their existing thesis and ignores credible contradictory evidence, they are demonstrating ____.

Answer: A) Confirmation Bias

Confirmation bias is the tendency to search for, interpret, and favor information that confirms one's pre-existing beliefs, which undermines the integrity of research.

10. An annotated bibliography serves the same exact purpose as a Works Cited page, with the only difference being the font size.

Answer: B) False

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An annotated bibliography includes a summary and evaluation (annotation) of each source, whereas a Works Cited page is simply a list of the references used in the paper.