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## Mastering 9th Grade Citations and Ethics

How do scholars build on the work of others without crossing into plagiarism? Apply MLA eighth edition standards and evaluate source authority.

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**1. You are researching the impact of the printing press on 16th-century literacy. Which source demonstrates the highest level of scholarly authority for this specific historical inquiry?**

- A. A blog post by a contemporary novelist who writes historical fiction.
- B. A peer-reviewed journal article published by a university press.
- C. A viral social media thread summarizing famous inventions.
- D. A short encyclopedia entry from a commercial trivia website.

**2. If you paraphrase a passage from a Maya Angelou poem by putting it completely into your own words, you are legally and academically exempt from providing an in-text citation.**

- A. True
- B. False

**3. In MLA format, when citing a book with one author, what are the two required elements inside the parentheses for an in-text citation?**

- A. Author's last name and year of publication
- B. Title of the book and the page number
- C. Author's last name and the page number
- D. Author's first and last name and the city of publication

**4. Which of the following scenarios best describes the concept of 'Common Knowledge,' which does not require a formal citation in a research paper?**

- A. The specific statistics regarding the global drop in tiger populations in 2023.
- B. A unique theory about the hidden symbolism in 'The Great Gatsby' found in a literary essay.
- C. The fact that George Washington was the first president of the United States.
- D. A quote from a local scientist about the effects of microplastics on sea life.

**5. While searching for sources on deep-sea exploration, you find a website that lacks an author's name and has not been updated since 2004. According to the RADAR or CRAAP evaluation methods, which criteria does this source most likely fail?**

- A. Relevance and Purpose
- B. Currency and Authority
- C. Accuracy and Bias
- D. Organization and Length

**6. A 'Works Cited' page in MLA format should list entries in the order they appeared within your essay.**

- A. True

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B. False

**7. When you use a direct quote from a source like Malala Yousafzai's memoir, what punctuation is required to signal that the words are NOT your own?**

- A. Parentheses
- B. Italics
- C. Quotation marks
- D. A colon

**8. You are writing a paper on the ethics of Artificial Intelligence. Why is it important to use 'Lateral Reading' (checking what other sites say about your source) during your research?**

- A. To find more synonyms to use in your paper.
- B. To verify the reputation and potential biases of the organization publishing the data.
- C. To ensure you are using the correct font size for your bibliography.
- D. To increase the word count of your research log.

**9. Which of the following is the correct way to format the title of a long-form work, such as the novel 'Things Fall Apart,' in an MLA Works Cited entry?**

- A. Underlined
- B. Enclosed in quotation marks
- C. Bolded
- D. Italicized

**10. A summary involves condensing a large amount of information into your own words, but it still requires a citation to the original source.**

- A. True
- B. False