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MLA Citation Challenge: Can You Identify a Credible Source?

Think you can spot a scholarly journal or correctly credit a novelist? Assess your ability to recognize primary sources and distinguish between attribution styles.

1. Which of the following would be considered the most credible source for a research paper on the Silk Road trade routes?

- A. A personal travel blog post from 2023
- B. An anonymous post on a history forum
- C. A peer-reviewed article in the Journal of World History
- D. A short summary on an entertainment news site

2. In MLA format, the list of sources at the very end of an essay is titled _____.

- A. Reference List
- B. Bibliography
- C. Works Cited
- D. Source Documentation

3. If you paraphrase an author's unique idea by putting it into your own words, you are still required to provide a citation.

- A. True
- B. False

4. When looking at a website's URL, which domain extension is typically associated with non-profit organizations?

- A. .com
- B. .org
- C. .edu
- D. .gov

5. Identify the piece of information that is NOT typically included in a standard MLA book citation.

- A. The author's full name
- B. The title of the book
- C. The publisher's name
- D. The author's birth date

6. An in-text citation that appears inside the sentence, such as (Morrison 42), is known as a _____ citation.

- A. Endnote
- B. Parenthetical
- C. Footnote

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D. Annotated

7. Common knowledge, such as the fact that George Washington was the first U.S. President, usually does not require a citation.

- A. True
- B. False

8. Which of the following is a primary source for a paper about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart?

- A. A modern biography of Mozart written in 2015
- B. A letter written by Mozart to his father
- C. An encyclopedia article about classical music
- D. A documentary film about the 18th century

9. When evaluating a source, checking for _____ means looking to see if the information is up-to-date and recently published.

- A. Bias
- B. Currency
- C. Authority
- D. Scope

10. In MLA style, you should capitalize every word in a book title, including small articles like 'a' and 'the' that are in the middle of the title.

- A. True
- B. False