Shade and Sources

Build a research claim from an interview, public records, and data.

11.RL.28 "Integrate ethically-acquired information from at least three sources of varying types, including at least one visual or statistical source, into a research product, using proper quoting, paraphrasing, summarizing..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the quotation, circle each MLA in-text citation, and number the three source types used in the passage. Mark where the writer limits what the evidence can prove.

What Would Shade Change?

1 This classroom case is simulated: Elm Square, its records, and its temperatures are invented for research practice. In the scenario, a reporter received permission to quote Jo Avery's interview, consulted public town council minutes, and reused a parks department data sheet with attribution. These sources offer experience, policy context, and measurements, not interchangeable kinds of proof.

2 At Elm Square, Jo Avery says, "The benches empty by noon" (Avery). The council minutes summarize a discussion of shade structures but record no approval (Riverton Town Council). On one afternoon, surface temperatures were 38°C on blacktop and 31°C in nearby tree shade (Riverton Parks Department). Together, these sources support studying shade, not predicting attendance.

ELM SQUARE SURFACE TEMPERATURES AT NOON, 12 JULY 2025 (SIMULATED DATA)

Location	Surface temperature
Blacktop	38°C
Nearby tree shade	31°C

3 In this scenario, the interview was quoted with permission, the minutes are public, and the data sheet is reusable with attribution. **Works Cited** Avery, Jo. Personal interview. 13 July 2025. Riverton Parks Department. *Surface Temperatures at Elm Square, 12 July 2025*. Town data sheet, 2025. Riverton Town Council. *Elm Square Meeting Minutes*. 10 July 2025.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Name the three source types used in the passage. Give the MLA in-text citation that matches each one.

2. Copy Avery's words as a direct quotation with its MLA citation. What made quoting the interview ethical in this scenario?

3. In your own words, summarize what the council did and did not do. Add the correct MLA in-text citation.

4. Compare the two temperatures with an MLA citation. Why can this data not prove that shade increases attendance?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write one 80- to 110-word paragraph recommending a next research step before Riverton votes on shade structures. Use Avery's exact words, paraphrase the minutes, compare both temperatures, cite all three sources in MLA style, and state one limit of the evidence.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline the quotation, circle each MLA in-text citation, and number the three source types used in the passage. Mark where the writer limits what the evidence can prove. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name the three source types used in the passage. Give the MLA in-text citation that matches each one.	**Personal interview: (Avery); town council meeting minutes: (Riverton Town Council); parks department data sheet: (Riverton Parks Department).**
2	Copy Avery's words as a direct quotation with its MLA citation. What made quoting the interview ethical in this scenario?	**"The benches empty by noon" (Avery). The reporter had permission to quote the interview.**
3	In your own words, summarize what the council did and did not do. Add the correct MLA in-text citation.	**The council discussed shade structures but did not approve one (Riverton Town Council).**
4	Compare the two temperatures with an MLA citation. Why can this data not prove that shade increases attendance?	**The blacktop measured 38°C, while nearby tree shade measured 31°C (Riverton Parks Department). The data records surface temperatures on one afternoon, not attendance.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Before voting on a permanent shade structure, Riverton should test whether people use Elm Square at midday. Jo Avery reports, "The benches empty by noon" (Avery), a useful observation but not a count of visitors. The council discussed shade structures without approving one (Riverton Town Council). At noon on July 12, blacktop measured 38°C while nearby tree shade measured 31°C (Riverton Parks Department). That difference gives the town a reason to investigate shade, not proof that shade would increase attendance. For one week, volunteers could count bench users at set times in both locations.

Accept accurate paraphrases and equivalent research steps. The paragraph should distinguish surface-temperature data from attendance evidence and include all three MLA in-text citations.