Shade, Sources, Proof

Trace evidence from an MLA citation to a Works Cited entry.

11.T.RA.2.c "Follow Modern Language Association (MLA) or American Psychological Association (APA) guidelines when responding to inferential questions about texts or when integrating and citing textual evidence..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every sentence that uses source evidence, circle each parenthetical citation, and write the same number beside each citation and its matching Works Cited entry.

A Cooler Bus Stop

1 At noon, the metal bench at the Oak Street bus stop can become too hot to touch. The city should plant shade trees near busy bus stops. The United States Environmental Protection Agency explains that pavement and roofs absorb heat, creating urban heat islands, while trees cool nearby areas through shade and evapotranspiration (United States Environmental Protection Agency). This evidence does not prove that one tree will solve every rider's problem. It does show that shade can address heat where people must wait outdoors. A tree may also make the stop easier to see from across the street.

2 The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns that heat can affect anyone, but older adults and people with chronic health conditions may face greater risk (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). From these sources, I infer that city planners should first add trees at stops with long waits and little existing shade. That conclusion is my reasoning, not a fact stated by either source. Still, it follows from the EPA's explanation of cooling and the CDC's description of heat risk (United States Environmental Protection Agency; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). The argument therefore connects evidence to a limited, practical decision.

3 Works Cited entries give readers enough information to locate each source. The entries are alphabetized by the organizations' names, and the parenthetical citations use those same names. For a web source without page numbers, the organization name identifies the cited source. A reader can match each citation to one entry. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "About Heat and Your Health." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/heat-health/about/index.html. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026. United States Environmental Protection Agency. "Using Trees and Vegetation to Reduce Heat Islands." EPA, www.epa.gov/heatislands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which source supports the claim that trees cool nearby areas? Write the correct MLA parenthetical citation.

2. Write the author's inference about where city planners should add trees first. Include MLA citations for both sources.

3. A student paraphrases the EPA web page and writes (EPA). Revise the citation so that it matches the Works Cited entry in the passage.

4. Write the basic MLA Works Cited entry for the CDC source.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one outdoor place at your school that could use shade. Write two parts: one sentence that makes a reasonable inference and integrates a paraphrase from the EPA source with an MLA parenthetical citation, then one basic MLA Works Cited entry for that source.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 11 · 11.T.RA.2.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every sentence that uses source evidence, circle each parenthetical citation, and write the same number beside each citation and its matching Works Cited entry. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which source supports the claim that trees cool nearby areas? Write the correct MLA parenthetical citation.	**The United States Environmental Protection Agency supports the claim: (United States Environmental Protection Agency).**
2	Write the author's inference about where city planners should add trees first. Include MLA citations for both sources.	**City planners should first add trees at stops with long waits and little existing shade (United States Environmental Protection Agency; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).**
3	A student paraphrases the EPA web page and writes (EPA). Revise the citation so that it matches the Works Cited entry in the passage.	**(United States Environmental Protection Agency)**
4	Write the basic MLA Works Cited entry for the CDC source.	**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "About Heat and Your Health." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, www.cdc.gov/heat-health/about/index.html. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Because the blacktop beside the cafeteria absorbs heat, the school should add shade trees there, since trees cool nearby areas through shade and evapotranspiration (United States Environmental Protection Agency). United States Environmental Protection Agency. "Using Trees and Vegetation to Reduce Heat Islands." EPA, www.epa.gov/heatislands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026.

Accept equivalent inferences that clearly distinguish the writer's reasoning from the sources' stated facts. Parenthetical citations should match the first element of the corresponding Works Cited entry, and entries should include the organization, page title, site or publisher, URL, and access date.