Citation Trail

Trace evidence from a claim to a full source entry.

7.T.RA.2.c "Follow a standard format for citation when integrating textual evidence, clearly identifying and citing the ideas and information of others and ensuring each source is accompanied by a standard entry on a works cited page. (C)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each parenthetical citation in the passage. Circle the first words of the Works Cited entries that match those citations.

Falcons Above the City

1. On a spring morning, I watched a peregrine falcon circle above the river near downtown. The bird folded its wings and dropped quickly toward a pigeon. Peregrine falcons are known for fast dives, called stoops, and they often nest on tall buildings or cliffs (Cornell Lab of Ornithology). My notes describe what I saw that morning. The research fact comes from Cornell's bird guide, so its source appears in parentheses after the idea in my report.

2. Historical research explains why people now protect these birds. In the mid-1900s, the pesticide DDT caused many peregrine falcons to produce eggs with thin shells, and populations fell sharply (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). After DDT was banned in the United States in 1972, captive-breeding and release programs helped peregrines recover (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service). The same source names both the problem and the recovery. I place its organization name in parentheses because those facts came from that agency's report.

3. At the end of my report, I add a Works Cited page with a full entry for each source. A parenthetical citation points to an entry that begins with the same author or organization name. My page has these entries: Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "Peregrine Falcon." All About Birds, https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Peregrine_Falcon. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, https://www.fws.gov/species/peregrine-falcon-falco-peregrinus. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026. The entries provide titles, websites, web addresses, and access dates, details that do not fit inside the parentheses.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the parenthetical citation that supports the fact about peregrines nesting on buildings or cliffs.

2. Why does the sentence about the writer's notes not need a parenthetical citation?

3. Which Works Cited entry gives the full source information for the citation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)?

4. Name two details included in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Works Cited entry that are not included in its parenthetical citation.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences for a report about monarch butterflies. Use this source-based fact in one sentence, "Monarch butterflies migrate to central Mexico for winter," and cite it as (National Geographic Society); make the other sentence your own observation or comment. Then write a matching Works Cited entry using these details: group author, National Geographic Society; page title, "Monarch Butterfly"; website, National Geographic Kids; URL, kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/facts/monarch-butterfly; accessed 17 Aug. 2026.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.T.RA.2.c

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each parenthetical citation in the passage. Circle the first words of the Works Cited entries that match those citations. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the parenthetical citation that supports the fact about peregrines nesting on buildings or cliffs.	**(Cornell Lab of Ornithology)**
2	Why does the sentence about the writer's notes not need a parenthetical citation?	**It describes the writer's own observation from that morning.**
3	Which Works Cited entry gives the full source information for the citation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)?	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus)." U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, https://www.fws.gov/species/peregrine-falcon-falco-peregrinus. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026.**
4	Name two details included in the Cornell Lab of Ornithology Works Cited entry that are not included in its parenthetical citation.	**Any two: the page title, the website title, the web address, or the access date.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Monarch butterflies migrate to central Mexico for winter (National Geographic Society). Their orange-and-black wings may help people spot them in a garden. National Geographic Society. "Monarch Butterfly." National Geographic Kids, kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/invertebrates/facts/monarch-butterfly. Accessed 17 Aug. 2026.

Accept parenthetical citations that use the exact organization name from the matching Works Cited entry. For Part 3, accept varied original comments if the source-based fact has the required citation and the full entry includes the supplied source details in a standard format.