Citation Clues

Choose the MLA citation that fits each sentence.

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NAME _____ DATE _____

AUTHOR AND PAGE

Use the author's last name and page number in parentheses when the sentence does not name the author. Put the period after the closing parenthesis.

The orchard produced a small crop after frost (Osei 14).

PAGE ONLY

Use only the page number in parentheses when the sentence already names the author. Put the period after the closing parenthesis.

Osei links the small crop to a late frost (14).

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle AUTHOR or PAGE for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two item numbers and explain whether each sentence names the author before the citation.

1.	The archive holds letters from the first settlers (Baker 6).	AUTHOR PAGE
2.	Baker says the letters reveal daily chores (6).	AUTHOR PAGE
3.	Davis argues that coral reefs need protection (31).	AUTHOR PAGE
4.	Many viewers noticed the hidden symbols in the mural (Kim 22).	AUTHOR PAGE
5.	The guide compares the bridge to a ribbon across the water (Hale 17).	AUTHOR PAGE
6.	A new compost program reduced cafeteria waste (Ortiz 5).	AUTHOR PAGE
7.	Singh explains why some clouds form before storms (11).	AUTHOR PAGE
8.	The novel's setting changes as the family travels north (Reed 64).	AUTHOR PAGE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one sentence with an MLA AUTHOR citation and one sentence with an MLA PAGE citation.

AUTHOR _____

PAGE _____

CHALLENGE

Write two connected sentences about the same source. Name the author in the first sentence and use a PAGE citation, then do not name the author in the second sentence and use an AUTHOR citation.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The archive holds letters from the first settlers (Baker 6).	**AUTHOR**	Baker is not named in the sentence, so the citation includes the author and page number.
2	Baker says the letters reveal daily chores (6).	**PAGE**	Baker is named in the sentence, so the citation needs only the page number.
3	Davis argues that coral reefs need protection (31).	**PAGE**	Davis is named in the sentence, so the citation needs only the page number.
4	Many viewers noticed the hidden symbols in the mural (Kim 22).	**AUTHOR**	Kim is not named in the sentence, so the citation includes the author and page number.
5	The guide compares the bridge to a ribbon across the water (Hale 17).	**AUTHOR**	Hale is not named in the sentence, so the citation includes the author and page number.
6	A new compost program reduced cafeteria waste (Ortiz 5).	**AUTHOR**	Ortiz is not named in the sentence, so the citation includes the author and page number.
7	Singh explains why some clouds form before storms (11).	**PAGE**	Singh is named in the sentence, so the citation needs only the page number.
8	The novel's setting changes as the family travels north (Reed 64).	**AUTHOR**	Reed is not named in the sentence, so the citation includes the author and page number.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **AUTHOR**: The museum opened a gallery for local artists (Price 8).
- **PAGE**: Price notes that the gallery features local artists (8).

Challenge: Chen explains that the city's trees cool nearby sidewalks (33). The trees also provide shade for people waiting at bus stops (Chen 33).

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should identify whether the author's last name appears in each sentence and connect that detail to the citation form. Accept original Part 3 and challenge responses that use correct MLA parenthetical citation placement and forms.