Trace the Source

Mark source-based ideas and follow their citations.

8.W.5.e "Avoid plagiarism and follow a standard format for citation."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two claims taken from a source, circle the in-text citation after each claim, and write 1 beside both citations and their matching Works Cited entry.

Where Should the Shade Go?

1 On a hot afternoon, a shaded bus stop can feel different from a nearby stretch of bare pavement. Surfaces such as roads and buildings absorb and release heat, and areas with many of these surfaces can become warmer than nearby areas with more plants ("Learn About Heat Islands"). This difference is called an urban heat island. A walk between two bus stops might make the contrast easy to notice, but one person's walk cannot prove how hot an entire neighborhood is. For that wider claim, the report relies on a published source.

2 The Environmental Protection Agency also explains that shade from trees can keep surfaces cooler and that plants release water into the air, which can help cool the surrounding area ("Learn About Heat Islands"). That information supports a practical question: Where would a new tree offer the most useful shade? Students could measure temperatures at several spots near their school, then compare sunny places with shaded ones. Those measurements would be their own evidence, while the explanation about plants comes from the agency's research page.

3 At the playground, students could measure pavement temperatures at two different times and note which spots are shaded. They would identify their method so readers can judge the numbers. One hot sidewalk would not establish a pattern across the whole city, but local data could help students choose a place to test a shade plan. Their observations belong to them. The background claims about heat islands and trees come from the agency page listed below. Works Cited "Learn About Heat Islands." *United States Environmental Protection Agency*, www.epa.gov/heatislands/learn-about-heat-islands.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which claim about roads and buildings in paragraph 1 uses the agency page? Copy the in-text citation that follows it.

2. Which idea about trees in paragraph 2 comes from the agency page? Where does its citation appear?

3. If students measure temperatures at the playground, why should they not attach the agency page's citation to their measurements?

4. Which Works Cited entry matches both in-text citations? Name the detail in that entry that helps a reader find the page.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

For this practice task, use this invented source card: Lena Ortiz, "Lights That Point Down," *Night Neighborhood*, 2024, nightneighborhood.example/downlights; source idea: shields on outdoor lights direct light downward and reduce light spilling into the night sky. Write two sentences, one paraphrasing the source idea with an MLA in-text citation and one proposing a place to use shielded lights, then add a Works Cited entry.

ANSWER KEY # Trace the Source

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline two claims taken from a source, circle the in-text citation after each claim, and write 1 beside both citations and their matching Works Cited entry. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which claim about roads and buildings in paragraph 1 uses the agency page? Copy the in-text citation that follows it.	**Areas with many roads and buildings can be warmer than areas with more plants. The citation is ("Learn About Heat Islands").**
2	Which idea about trees in paragraph 2 comes from the agency page? Where does its citation appear?	**Tree shade can keep surfaces cooler, and plants release water that can help cool the area. The citation appears at the end of that sentence.**
3	If students measure temperatures at the playground, why should they not attach the agency page's citation to their measurements?	**The measurements would be the students' own evidence, not information taken from the agency page.**
4	Which Works Cited entry matches both in-text citations? Name the detail in that entry that helps a reader find the page.	**The entry for "Learn About Heat Islands" matches both citations. Its web address helps readers find the page.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Shields can direct outdoor light toward the ground instead of letting as much light spill into the sky (Ortiz). Our school could try shielded lights near its entrance.

Works Cited

Ortiz, Lena. "Lights That Point Down." *Night Neighborhood*, 2024, nightneighborhood.example/downlights.

Accept accurate paraphrases of the passage's source-based claims. For Your Turn, check that the paraphrase has an Ortiz citation, the second sentence proposes a place, and the Works Cited entry provides the matching source details.