Credit the Evidence

Quote, summarize, and cite findings in MLA style

7.6.W.3 "Students will quote and summarize findings following a consistent citation style (e.g., MLA, APA) to avoid plagiarism."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one exact quotation and circle its in-text citation. Number the two Works Cited entries in alphabetical order so you can see how the sources are credited.

A Cooler Place to Sit

1. This model uses invented research reports about a school courtyard. Imagine that Mira Chen measured the temperature of two benches at noon for five sunny days. The bench in direct sun averaged 34°C, while the bench under a tree averaged 27°C. One report says, "The shaded seat stayed cooler on every test day" (Chen 4). Quoting Chen's exact words makes the finding easy to check. The author's name and page number point readers to the report, so they can tell which claim comes from Chen rather than the student writer.

2. Another invented report looks at how students used the same courtyard. Leo Ortiz counted students at lunch on four warm days. He found that the shaded bench was occupied during 18 of 20 checks, while the sunny bench was occupied during 7 of 20 checks (Ortiz 6). These numbers are summarized in fresh words, but the citation still credits the source. Ortiz also notes, "A seat is useful only when students choose to sit there" (Ortiz 7). That short quotation explains why bench use matters as well as temperature.

3. Taken together, these made-up findings suggest that a shaded seat could make the courtyard more inviting. That suggestion belongs to the writer, but the supporting findings belong to the sources. A Works Cited list lets readers find both reports. In MLA style, entries appear in alphabetical order by the authors' last names, not in the order the reports were cited. The complete entries follow: Chen, Mira. *Courtyard Temperature Checks*. School Research Press, 2024. Ortiz, Leo. *Courtyard Seating Counts*. School Research Press, 2024.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy Chen's quoted finding and its MLA in-text citation exactly as they appear in the passage.

2. Summarize Chen's temperature finding in your own words. Add an MLA in-text citation to page 4.

3. Write a one-sentence summary of Ortiz's bench-use counts. Include an MLA in-text citation.

4. A student cites Ortiz's bench-use counts as (Ortiz, p. 6). Rewrite that citation to match the MLA style used in the passage.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a three-sentence recommendation to your student council about where to put a new courtyard bench. Paraphrase one Chen finding and quote one Ortiz finding, cite both in MLA style, then add a Works Cited list in alphabetical order.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.6.W.3

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one exact quotation and circle its in-text citation. Number the two Works Cited entries in alphabetical order so you can see how the sources are credited. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy Chen's quoted finding and its MLA in-text citation exactly as they appear in the passage.	**"The shaded seat stayed cooler on every test day" (Chen 4).**
2	Summarize Chen's temperature finding in your own words. Add an MLA in-text citation to page 4.	**The bench under the tree averaged 27°C, seven degrees cooler than the bench in direct sun (Chen 4).**
3	Write a one-sentence summary of Ortiz's bench-use counts. Include an MLA in-text citation.	**Students occupied the shaded bench during 18 of 20 checks, compared with 7 of 20 checks for the sunny bench (Ortiz 6).**
4	A student cites Ortiz's bench-use counts as (Ortiz, p. 6). Rewrite that citation to match the MLA style used in the passage.	**(Ortiz 6)**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The student council should put a new bench under the tree. In this model, the shaded bench averaged 27°C, compared with 34°C in direct sun (Chen 4). Ortiz writes, "A seat is useful only when students choose to sit there" (Ortiz 7), so a shaded location may be more useful.

Works Cited

Chen, Mira. *Courtyard Temperature Checks*. School Research Press, 2024.

Ortiz, Leo. *Courtyard Seating Counts*. School Research Press, 2024.

Accept accurate paraphrases in students' own words with MLA-style author-page citations. For Part 3, check that the response has three sentences, an exact Ortiz quotation, a paraphrased Chen finding, and complete Works Cited entries with Chen before Ortiz.