

Credit With Care

Make borrowed ideas accurate and traceable.

8.12.I "display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and"

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the exact practice source and guidance. Underline the two observation results. Circle the author and page information that a reader would need to locate those results.

A Source You Can Check

- ① **Practice source metadata:** This booklet, its author, school and observations are fictional.
Author: Elena Rivera. Booklet title: Courtyard Notes. Publisher: Willow School Press. Year: 2025.
Format: print booklet. The following exact excerpt is from page 14: "During a ten-minute lunch observation, twelve students chose the shaded bench and four chose the sunny bench. We did not ask students why they chose a seat. Repeating the observation on other days could help us see whether this pattern continues."
- ② **Citation guide:** For this single-author print booklet, use an MLA Works Cited entry in this order: Last name, First name. *Booklet Title*. Publisher, Year. Italicize the title (underline it when handwriting). After a quotation or paraphrase from the excerpt, put the author's surname and page in parentheses before the final period: (Rivera 14). If your sentence already names Rivera, use (14). Exact borrowed words need quotation marks. Paraphrases need new wording and sentence structure, accurate meaning, and a citation.
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2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1** Why is “Shade makes all students choose a bench (Rivera 14)” an unethical use of this source even though it has a citation?

- 2** Repair this copied sentence for use as a direct quotation: We did not ask students why they chose a seat (Rivera 14).

- 3** Write the complete Works Cited entry using the supplied metadata. Underline the booklet title.

- 4** A classmate says, “I can copy any online photograph as long as I credit it.” Explain the problem and a responsible next step.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write a two-sentence paraphrase of the observation and its limits. Use your own wording and structure, include an accurate in-text citation, and do not invent a cause for the choices. Then explain how the citation connects your paraphrase to the Works Cited entry you wrote.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Read the exact practice source and guidance. Underline the two observation results. Circle the author and page information that a reader would need to locate those results. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why is "Shade makes all students choose a bench (Rivera 14)" an unethical use of this source even though it has a citation?	The excerpt records one ten-minute observation, not all students or repeated trials. It did not ask reasons and cannot establish that shade caused the choices. A citation does not fix an inaccurate claim.
2	Repair this copied sentence for use as a direct quotation: We did not ask students why they chose a seat (Rivera 14).	"We did not ask students why they chose a seat" (Rivera 14). The exact words need quotation marks, with the period after the citation.
3	Write the complete Works Cited entry using the supplied metadata. Underline the booklet title.	Rivera, Elena. <i>Courtyard Notes</i>. Willow School Press, 2025. A handwritten underline replaces italics. The whole booklet entry has no invented URL or page range.
4	A classmate says, "I can copy any online photograph as long as I credit it." Explain the problem and a responsible next step.	Credit alone is not permission. Check the reuse terms and comply, seek permission, or ask the teacher to help evaluate another lawful basis such as fair use. Alternatively choose an image with clear reuse terms; a school project is not automatically fair use.

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

In one brief lunchtime count, twelve students sat in shade, compared with four in sunlight. The observers recorded no reasons for these choices and suggested gathering evidence on more days (Rivera 14). The surname points to Rivera's entry, while 14 identifies the page containing these ideas.

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