Follow the Source

Trace an MLA citation from a claim to its web source.

8.W.6.a "Link to and cite sources with a standard format such as MLA or APA."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline both parenthetical citations, circle the matching source title in Works Cited, and box the web address that opens the source.

A Club Website for More Readers

(1) A school club's website should welcome every student, including someone who cannot see the photos. A photo of a robotics project might show where the team placed its sensors. If the image has useful information, a short text description can share that information with a screen reader. The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines say nontext content should have a text alternative that serves an equivalent purpose ("Web Content Accessibility Guidelines"). That rule turns a photo from a silent gap into information more students can use.

(2) Now imagine using a keyboard instead of a mouse to open the club's meeting schedule. As you press Tab, a visible outline around the selected link shows where you are on the page. The same guidelines require a visible indicator for the part of a page that has keyboard focus ("Web Content Accessibility Guidelines"). Without that clue, you might keep pressing keys without knowing which link will open. A club can test its own page by using only a keyboard to move among links.

(3) A website is easier to use when its creators test it in more than one way. Club members could draft image descriptions, then let a classmate check whether the words make sense without seeing the photos. They could also move through the meeting schedule by keyboard and watch for a clear outline. A few careful edits can make the same club news available to more readers. Works Cited: "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2." *W3C*, 5 Oct. 2023, https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What words appear in both parenthetical citations and at the start of the Works Cited title?

2. Copy the web address a reader can use to open the cited source.

3. Add the model's MLA parenthetical citation to this sourced sentence: A keyboard user needs to see which link is selected.

4. What website name and publication date appear in the Works Cited entry?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Use this new source information: title, "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1"; website, W3C; date, 5 June 2018; address, https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/. The source says prerecorded videos with speech need captions. Write one original sentence about how captions could help someone watching a school video, with an MLA parenthetical citation, then write a full MLA Works Cited entry with the web address.

ANSWER KEY

Follow the Source

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline both parenthetical citations, circle the matching source title in Works Cited, and box the web address that opens the source. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What words appear in both parenthetical citations and at the start of the Works Cited title?	**Web Content Accessibility Guidelines**
2	Copy the web address a reader can use to open the cited source.	**https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG22/**
3	Add the model's MLA parenthetical citation to this sourced sentence: A keyboard user needs to see which link is selected.	**A keyboard user needs to see which link is selected ("Web Content Accessibility Guidelines").**
4	What website name and publication date appear in the Works Cited entry?	**W3C; 5 Oct. 2023.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Captions could help a student follow the spoken instructions in a prerecorded school video when the sound is off ("Web Content Accessibility Guidelines").
Works Cited: "Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1." *W3C*, 5 June 2018, https://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG21/.

Accept a different original sentence if it accurately uses the caption fact and places a matching MLA citation after it. The Works Cited entry should include the full title, website, date, and correct web address.