

Source Sense

Read a research model and track ethical citation choices.

7.12.1 "display academic citations and use source materials ethically; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every source Maya uses, circle the details that belong in a citation, and number the choices she makes to use source material ethically.

Maya Checks Her Research

- ① When Maya researched the history of her town's river, she used a museum website, a library book, and an interview with Mr. Lee, a local historian. She wrote notes in her own words and placed quotation marks around Mr. Lee's exact sentence. On her final page, Maya listed each source so readers could find it. Her book citation included the author's name, the title, the publisher, and the year. The interview citation named Mr. Lee and gave the date of the interview.
- ② Accurate citations do more than make a list look formal. They show where facts and ideas came from, which helps readers check the information. They also give credit to the people who created the source. Maya did not copy a paragraph from the museum website and change a few words. That would still use someone else's writing without proper credit. Instead, she summarized the information in her own language and cited the website. When she used an exact phrase, she used quotation marks and cited its speaker.
- ③ Some sources are not equally dependable for every purpose. Maya found an unsigned social media post claiming that a factory had closed in 1952. Before using that claim, she looked for evidence in newspaper archives and records from the town office. She found a 1953 newspaper report that said the factory had closed the previous December. Maya cited the newspaper and did not cite the social media post as proof. If she mentioned the post at all, she would describe it as an unverified claim, not as a confirmed fact.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which four details does the passage say Maya included in her book citation?

2 What two steps did Maya take when she used an exact phrase from a source?

3 Why is changing only a few words from a museum website not ethical use of a source?

4 Why did Maya cite the newspaper report instead of using the social media post as proof?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use this practice source card: Rosa Nguyen, "City Bats at Night," Field Notes, Greenway Nature Center, 8 May 2024. It says, "Bats use echolocation to find insects after dark." Write exactly two sentences about bats, one paraphrase and one exact quotation. Put the quotation in quotation marks and cite Nguyen in both sentences. On a third line, write a full citation using the source-card details.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every source Maya uses, circle the details that belong in a citation, and number the choices she makes to use source material ethically. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which four details does the passage say Maya included in her book citation?	The author's name, the title, the publisher, and the year.
2	What two steps did Maya take when she used an exact phrase from a source?	She put the phrase in quotation marks and cited the speaker.
3	Why is changing only a few words from a museum website not ethical use of a source?	It still uses someone else's writing without proper credit.
4	Why did Maya cite the newspaper report instead of using the social media post as proof?	The newspaper gave dated evidence about the closing, while the unsigned social media post was unverified.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Bats can use echolocation to locate insects at night (Nguyen). "Bats use echolocation to find insects after dark" (Nguyen). Nguyen, Rosa. "City Bats at Night." Field Notes, Greenway Nature Center, 8 May 2024.

Accept answers that identify sources, citation details, quotation marks, paraphrasing, and verification as ethical research practices. For Part 3, accept two accurate sentences with citations to Nguyen, quotation marks around the exact words, and a citation containing all source-card details.