HOW DO I CITE MY RESOURCES?
WHAT'S A NOTECARD?

How to cite a book

Citing a Book

1. author's last name, first name—period
2. title of book (underlined or italicized)—period
3. city of publication—colon
4. publishing company—comma
5. year of publication (use the year that is closest to 2013)—period

Example of book citation:

Smith, Jane. *For the Love of Puppies*. Philadelphia: Harper Collins, 1999.

NOTICE THE INDENTION ON THE SECOND LINE!!!!!

How to cite an AVL article

1. author's name—period
2. Name of article in quotations—period
3. Name of magazine/periodical the article came from (underline this)—no punctuation after
4. Date the article was published
5. AVL (or you can name the database specifically, like KidsSearch)—period
6. Date you accessed the article--period

Example of AVL citation…

Cannon, Angie. "Just Saying No to Tests." U.S. News & World Report 18 Oct. 1999: 3. Alabama Virtual Library.   28 Feb. 2003.

notice the indention!

How to cite a website

1. author's name—period
2. Article title in quotes—period
3. Website's title (in the blue bar)
4. Article date--period
5. Date you accessed the website--period
6. URL of the website—period (just use the basic website, not the whole crazy URL)

Example...

Schuster, Alan. "Spa and Hot Tub Chemical Questions." *Ask Alan*. Aqua-Clear Industries. 18 Aug. 2008. 10 Oct. 2008. www.askalan.com.
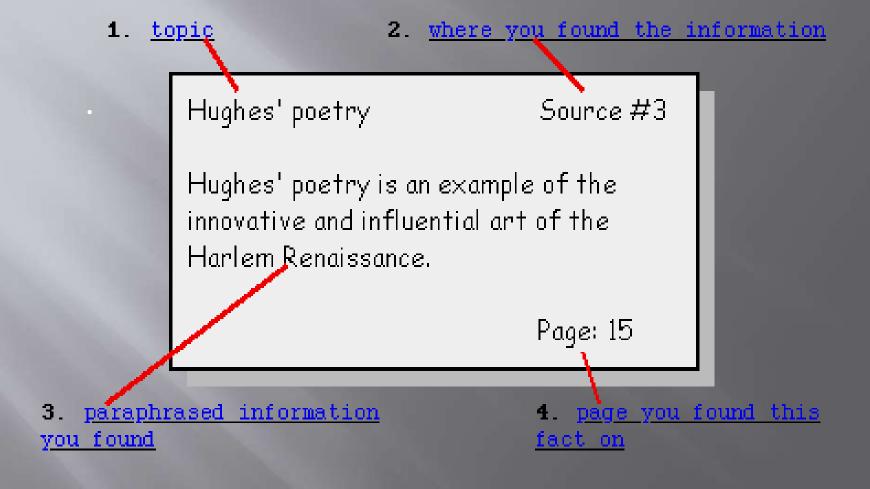
Notice the indented lines!

What do I do when all my resources have been cited?

1. Alphabetize them according to the first word of the citation
2. Double space everything
3. Make sure every line under the first one is indented
4. Type Works Cited at the top of the page in the center.

What is a research note card?

▣ Notecards are 3x5 index cards with only one, just one, no more than one fact per card.

▣ There are 4 components to making an MLA notecard. Example on next slide.

4 Items to include on card

1. topic
2. where you found the information

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Hughes' poetry   Source #3

Hughes' poetry is an example of the innovative and influential art of the Harlem Renaissance.

Page: 15

3. paraphrased information you found
4. page you found this fact on

So, what goes on the Note Card??

- As you find interesting facts about your topic, you will write them down.

- Each idea should be **paraphrased/summarized** (in your own words) or **quoted** and written on a card.

How do you record information on the notecard?

▣ **Paraphrase/Summarize**—shorter, in your own words; rewrite what the author said

▣ **Quote**—stating exactly what the author said; must use quotation marks

DON'T PLAGIARIZE!!!! ALWAYS GIVE THE CREDIT TO THE REAL AUTHOR!

PLAGIARISM

- *It's like lip-synching to someone else's voice and accepting the applause and rewards for yourself.*

- IF YOU PLAGIARIZE, YOU WILL FAIL!!! …any time you take a writer's words and use them as your own, you are plagiarizing

1. Card Topic

Topic is the kind of information on the card.

Think of it as the *title,* or *main idea* of the card. After writing down the information, figure out how you could briefly categorize, or title it.

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2. Source Title

- The **source title** is the name of the book, magazine, website, etc., in which you found the information.

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4. page numbers

- It is important to be accurate with the **page numbers** on your note cards, as you will need them for citations throughout your research paper.

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Sample Note Cards
Organized by Card Topic

Hughes and the   Source #2
Harlem Renaissance

The increased interest in African American culture and art during the Harlem Renaissance greatly affected the popularity of Hughes' poetry.

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Hughes' Influence   Source #1
on America

Hughes' poetry impacted American thoughts on literature even after his death.

Pages 16-18

Hughes' Upbringing   Source #5

Hughes was a true product of the city, having grown up in the neighborhoods of Harlem.

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Hughes' Poetry   Source #2

Hughes' poetry could be political or personal, emotional or detached.

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Citing my source!!

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