# Let's Get Ready to RESEARCH

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# Goals for this presentation:

- To be able to choose reliable sources for research
- To understand plagiarism
- To be able to cite sources using a bibliography while doing research

# Research philosophy:

The Florida Curriculum Framework for Language Arts states, "Students must learn how to locate, comprehend, interpret, evaluate, manage, and apply information from a variety of sources and media. They must learn how to communicate effectively in a variety of settings and for a variety of purposes through many different media."

# Steps for Doing research

1. Choose a topic that interests you.
2. Find valid and reliable sources for information.
3. Take notes from your sources.
4. Create a report, project, or presentation from your notes.

# Valid and reliable sources for research

- Media Center Databases
- Nonfiction books
- Encyclopedias
- Some Websites

# SMS Online Database

- Our online databases can be accessed through the Sebastian Media Center webpage. Click on eBooks and databases.
- Online databases contain valid and reliable information.
- They are one of the best, easiest sources for research.

**When using a website for research you need to evaluate the site to make sure it is valid and reliable. Some things to look for:**

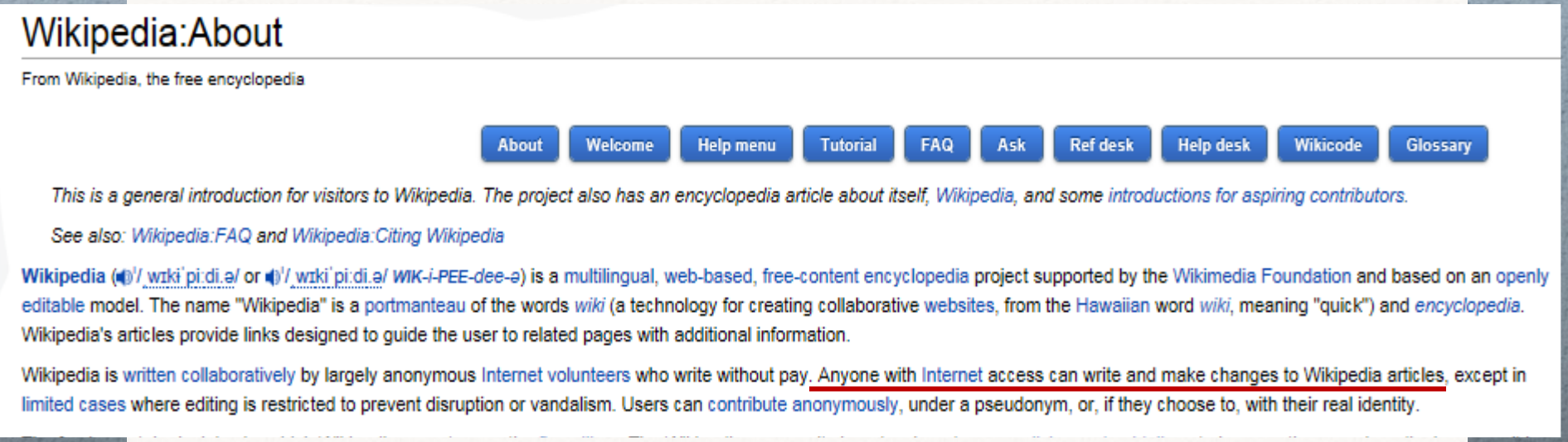
**Author-**
Who made the site?
Are they a credible source?
Why are they qualified to give you information?

**Date-**
(This is especially important for Science topics!!!!)
When was the site made?
When was the site updated?

**Navigation-**
Do the links work?
Is the site easy to navigate?

**A website evaluation sheet is available on the Media Center webpage.**

# DO NOT USE Wikipedia as a source for research!!!!!!



## Wikipedia:About

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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*This is a general introduction for visitors to Wikipedia. The project also has an encyclopedia article about itself, Wikipedia, and some introductions for aspiring contributors.*

*See also: Wikipedia:FAQ and Wikipedia:Citing Wikipedia*

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:About

# Avoid Plagiarism

Plagiarism is taking someone else's words or ideas and taking credit for them as your own.

To avoid plagiarism we put information in our own words AND we give credit to our sources.

# To help avoid plagiarism do the following:

- When taking notes for research read the information, turn the information away from you and then write down what you read about. (If the words are right in front of you, you may be tempted to copy them directly. If they are turned away from you, you will summarize and just remember key information.)
- When using exacts words from a source put the information in quotes to show that it is someone else speaking.
- Give credit to (cite) your sources

# Citing Your Sources

- In a research paper you have to tell people where you got your information. This is called “citing your source.”
- We cite our sources on our Bibliography page, which is the last page in our research paper or project.
- Keep track of your sources as you gather research.

# The information that you need from each source for your bibliography is:

- The author or authors
- The title of the book or web site
- Where it was published
- Who published it
- When it was published or when you found it on a Web site.

A bibliography follows a very specific format.

You are not expected to memorize this format.

The format will either be given to you by a teacher or you can find it on the SMS Media Center website.

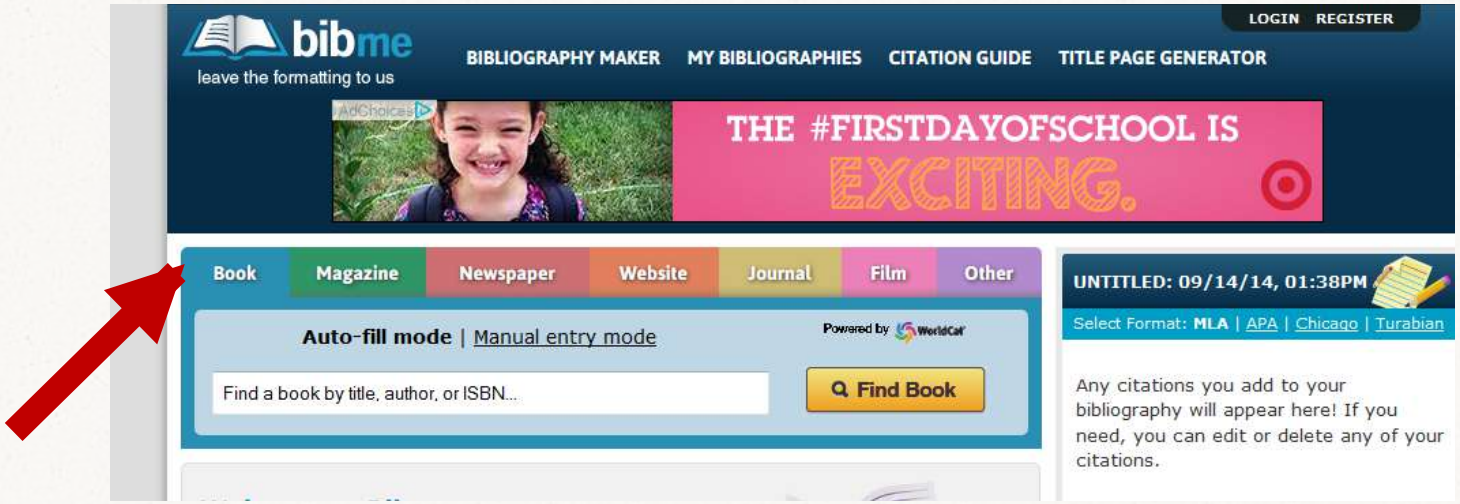
You may use free internet sites to help format your bibliography.

Bib Me: http://www.bibme.org/

Easy Bib: http://www.easybib.com/

# Using bibme.org

1) Select your type of material.



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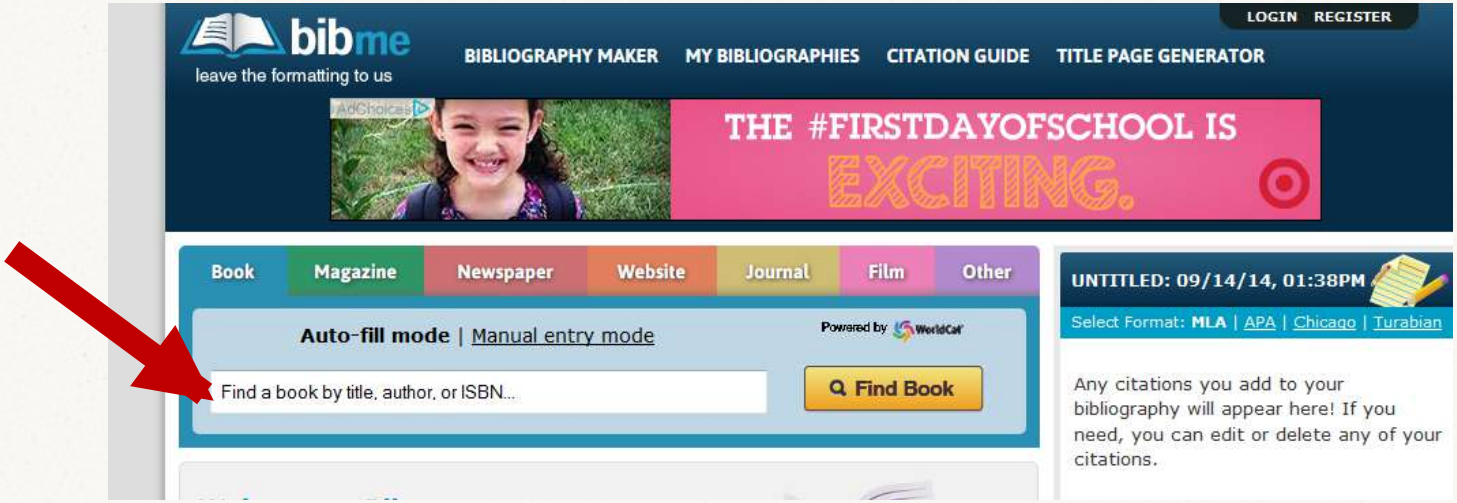

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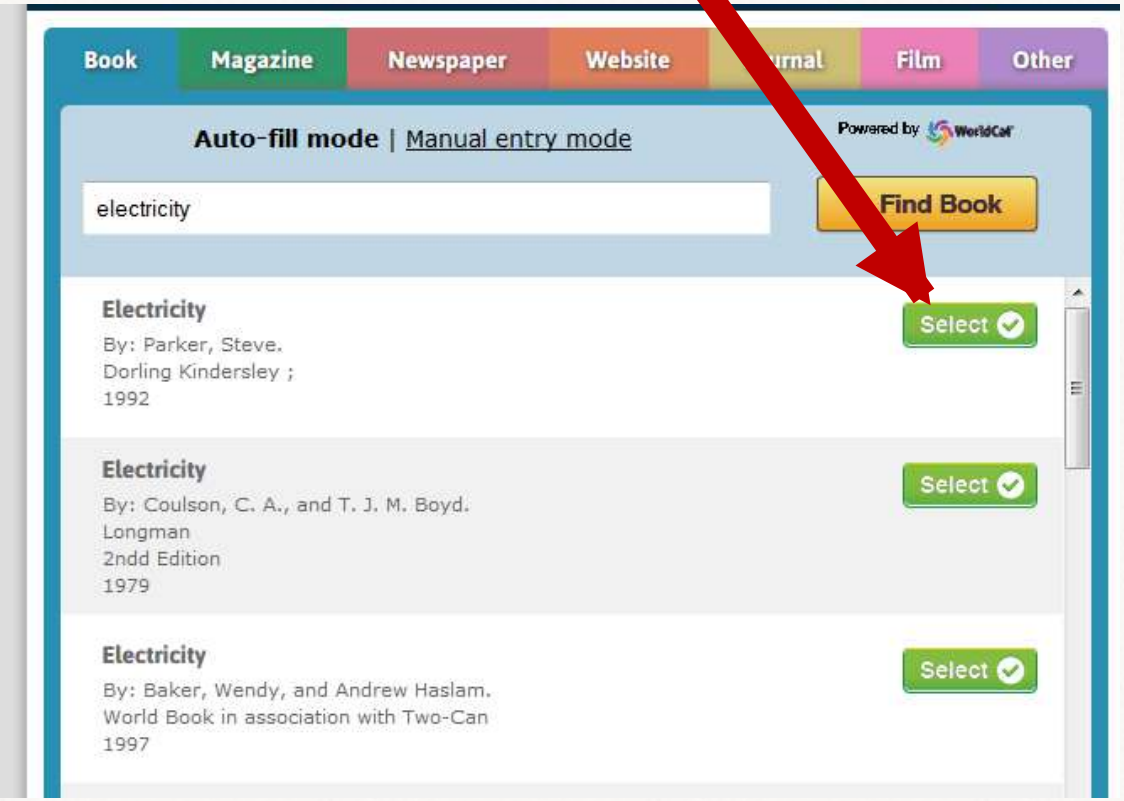
3) Select source from list by looking at author and other info. Click select.



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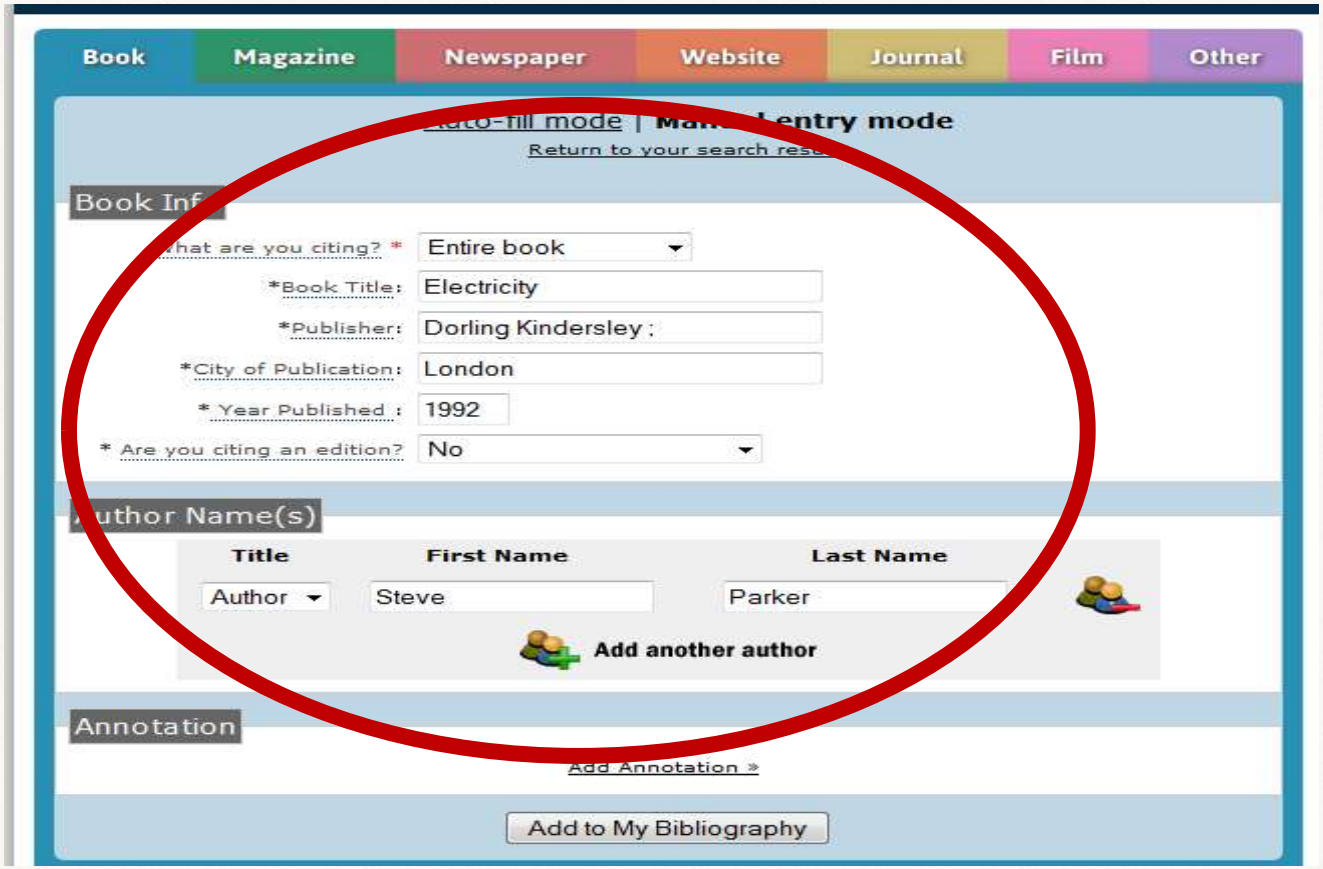
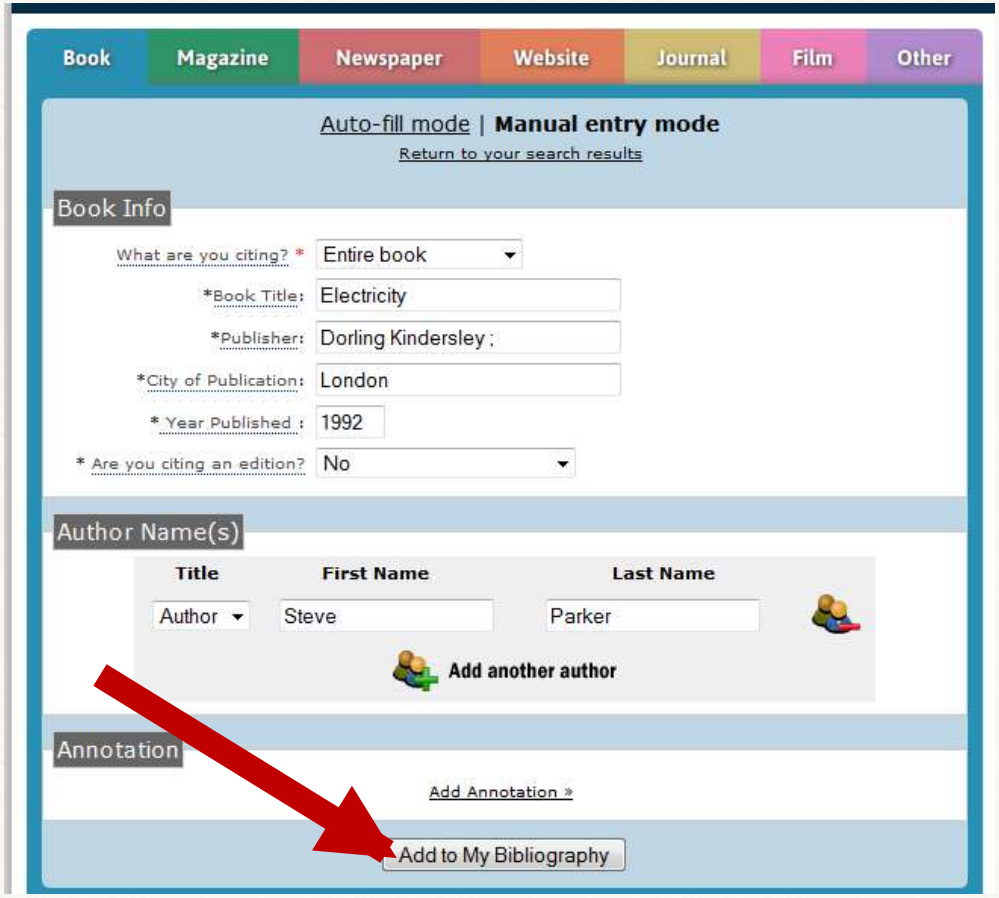


# Using bibme.org

5) Click “add to my bibliography”



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6) Item will be added to your bibliography list on the right side of the page. You can then copy and paste the information into your document or choose one of the options at the bottom.

Our databases will usually give you the citation information. You just have to look for it.

For example: On our World Book database this information is at the bottom of the article's page.

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**Harvard:**
Johannes, MD 2014, 'Electricity' , *World Book Student*, World Book, Chicago, viewed 14 September 2014, <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar177040>.

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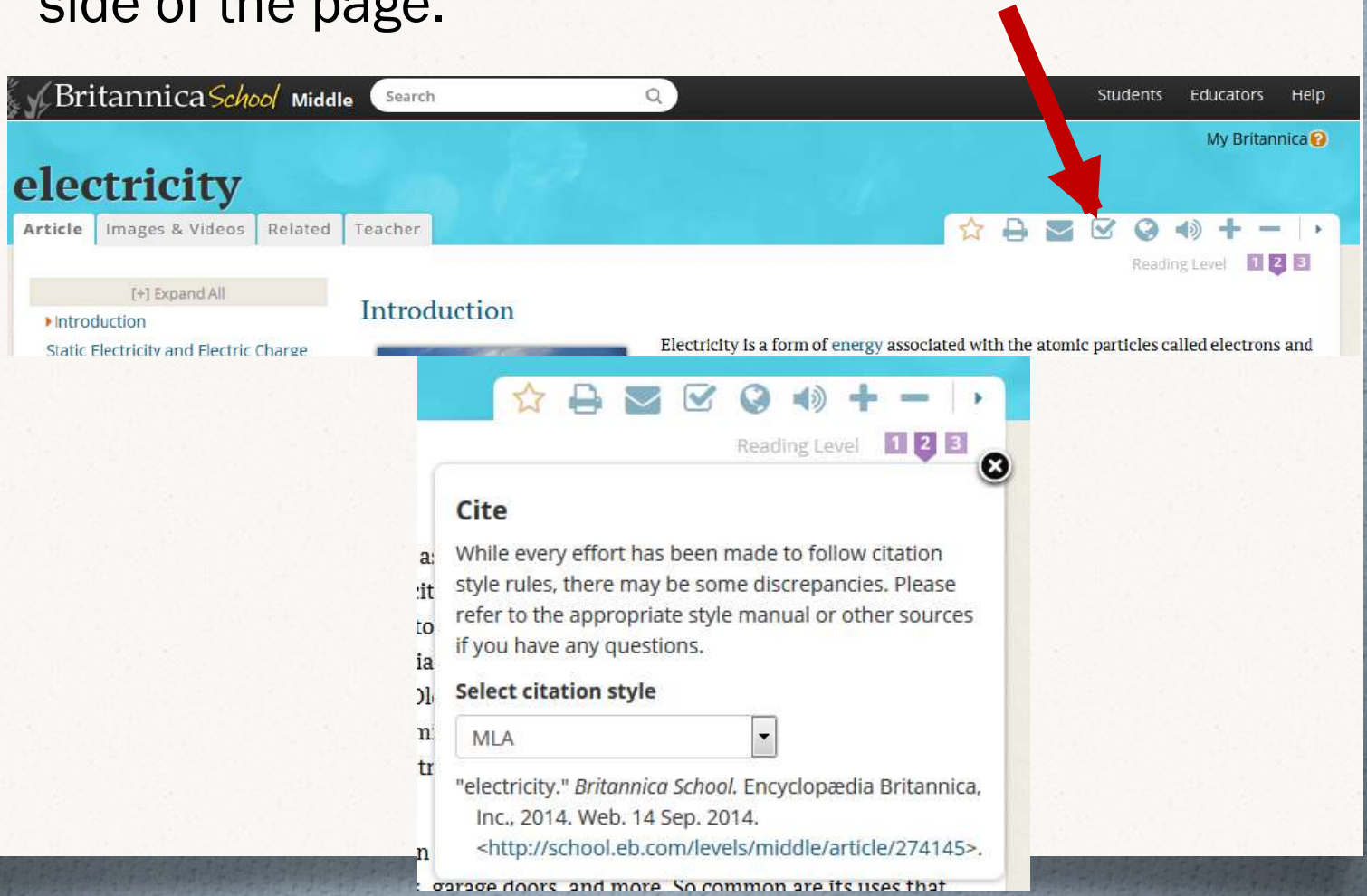

# Sample Bibliography

**Book:**

Author, (Last name, First name). Title. Place of publication: Publisher, date of publication.

Example:

Franks, Sally. Benjamin Franklin. Los Angeles: Super Books Press, 2005.

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**Website :**

Author, (Last name, First name). “Title.” Website name. Date of publication. <website address>.

Example:

Smith, Samuel. "The Inventor of Light." History for Kids Online. May 4, 2007. <http://www.historyforkids.com/inventor.htm>.

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**Encyclopedia :**

“Article title.” Encyclopedia. Year of edition.

Example:

“Samuel Adams.” Children’s World Encyclopedia. 2005.