



Let's Get Ready to RESEARCH

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Goals for this presentation:

- o To be able to choose reliable sources for research
- o To understand plagiarism
- o 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

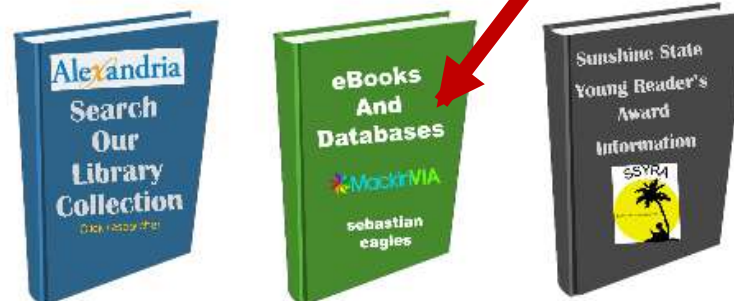
1. Choose a topic that interests you.
2. Find valid and reliable sources for information.
3. Take notes from your sources.
4. Create a report, project, or presentation from your notes.

Valid and reliable sources for research

- o Media Center Databases**
- o Nonfiction books**
- o Encyclopedias**
- o 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

[About](#)

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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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Wikipedia is *written collaboratively* by largely anonymous [Internet volunteers](#) who write without pay. Anyone with Internet access can write and make changes to Wikipedia articles, except in [limited cases](#) where editing is restricted to prevent disruption or vandalism. Users can [contribute anonymously](#), under a pseudonym, or, if they choose to, with their real identity.

<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:

- o 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.)
- o When using exacts words from a source put the information in quotes to show that it is someone else speaking.
- o Give credit to (cite) your sources

Citing Your Sources

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

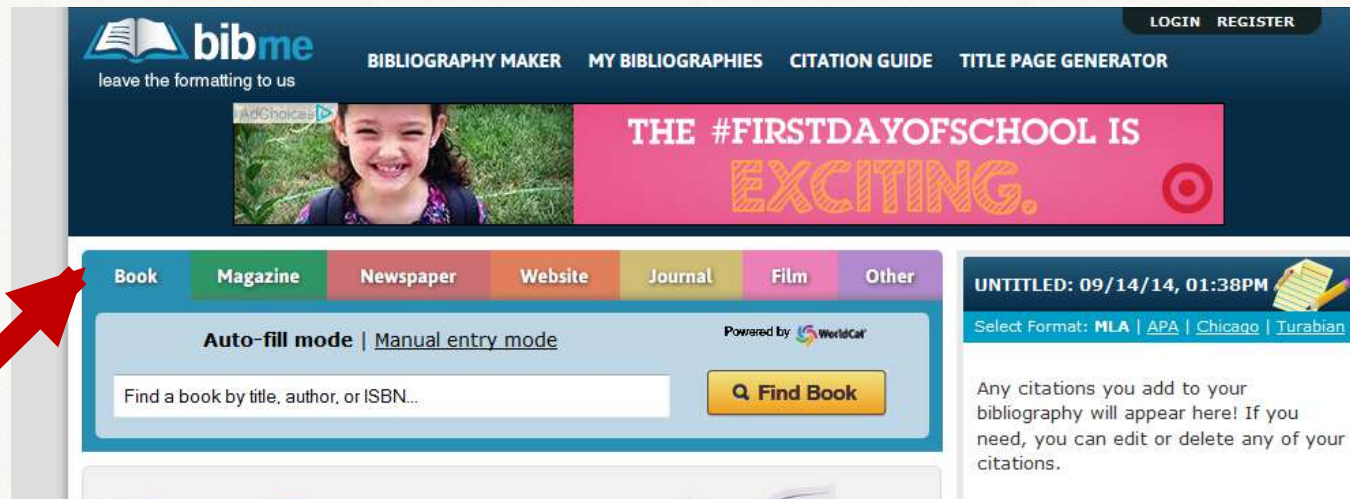
You may use free internet sites to help format your bibliography.

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

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

Using bibme.org

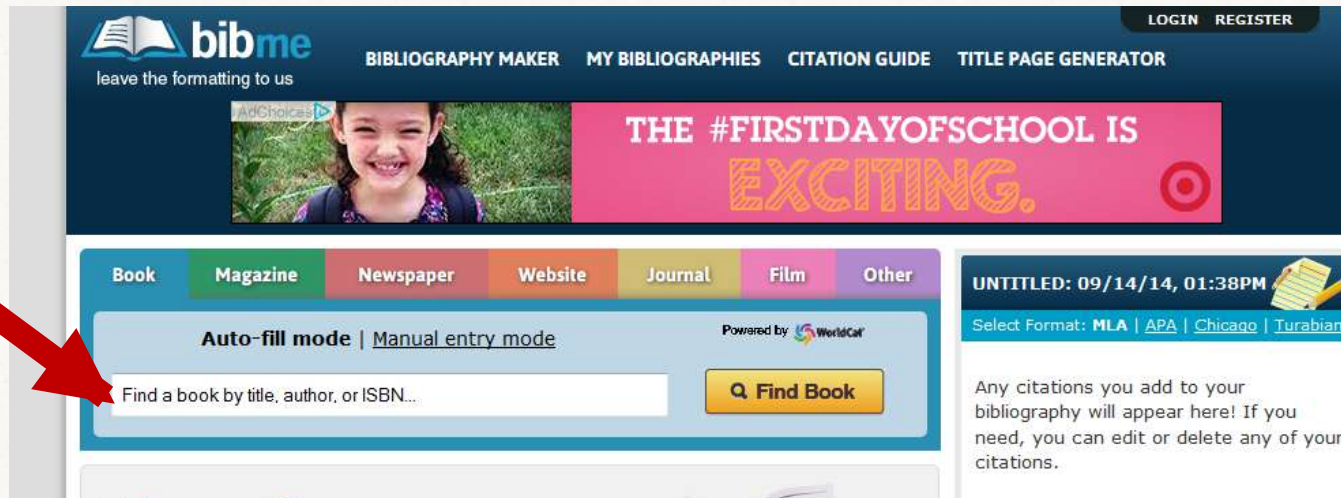
1) Select your type of material.



The screenshot shows the bibme.org website interface. At the top, the logo "bibme" is displayed with the tagline "leave the formatting to us". Navigation links include "BIBLIOGRAPHY MAKER", "MY BIBLIOGRAPHIES", "CITATION GUIDE", and "TITLE PAGE GENERATOR". There are also "LOGIN" and "REGISTER" buttons. A banner for "#FIRSTDAYOFSCHOOL IS EXCITING." features a photo of a smiling girl. Below the banner is a menu of material types: "Book", "Magazine", "Newspaper", "Website", "Journal", "Film", and "Other". A red arrow points to the "Book" tab. Below the menu, there are options for "Auto-fill mode" and "Manual entry mode", a search input field with the placeholder "Find a book by title, author, or ISBN...", and a "Find Book" button. The page is powered by WorldCat. On the right side, there is a section for "UNTITLED: 09/14/14, 01:38PM" with a "Select Format" dropdown menu showing options for "MLA", "APA", "Chicago", and "Turabian". A note states: "Any citations you add to your bibliography will appear here! If you need, you can edit or delete any of your citations."

Using bibme.org

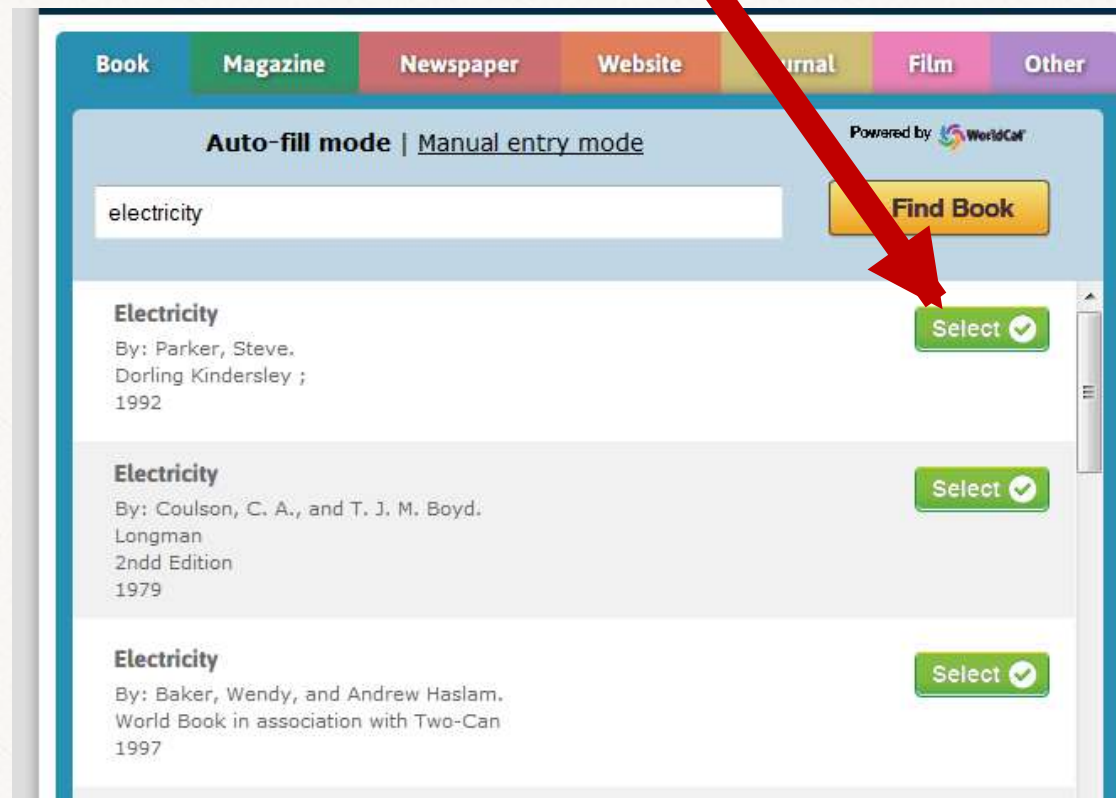
2) Type in title of material.



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

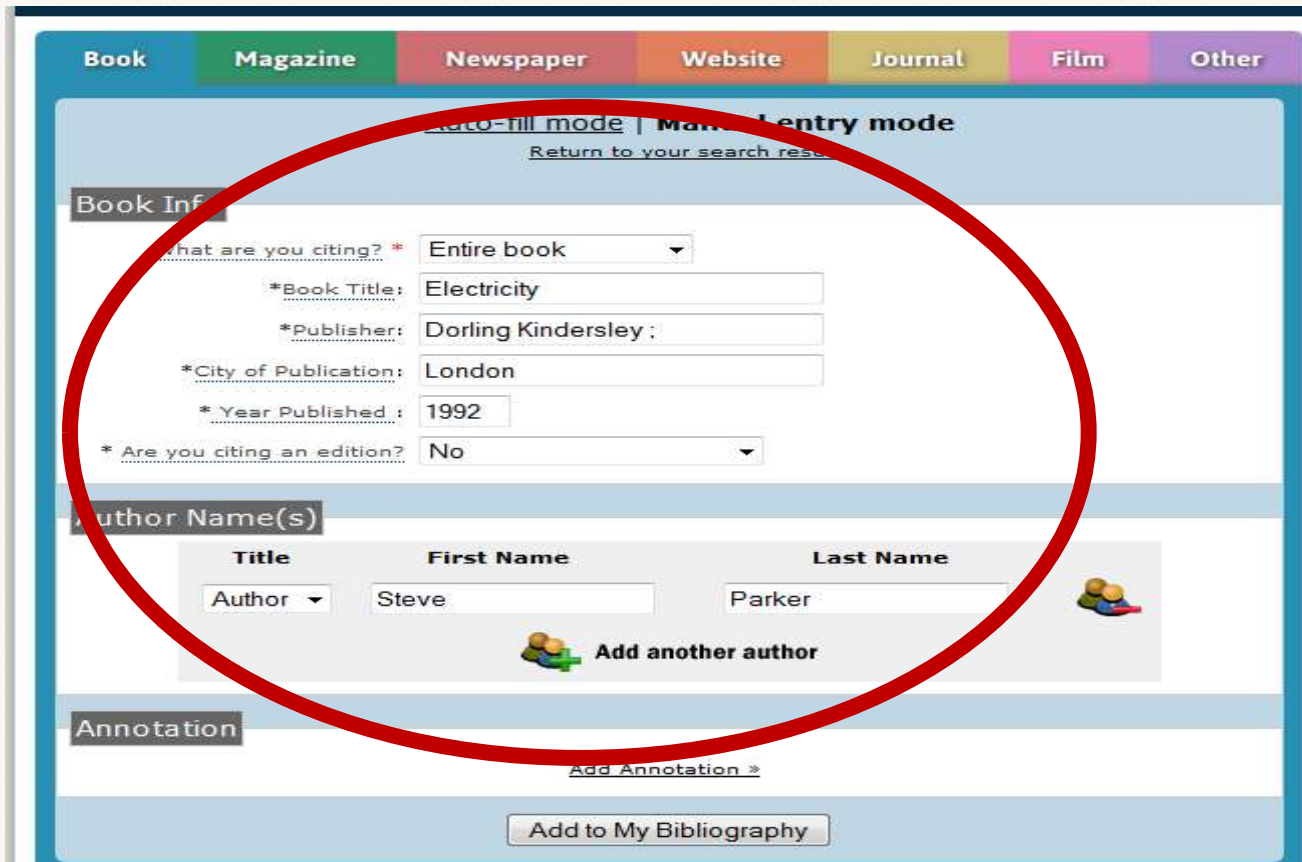


The screenshot displays the bibme.org search interface. At the top, there are tabs for different media types: Book, Magazine, Newspaper, Website, Journal, Film, and Other. Below these tabs, there are two modes: "Auto-fill mode" (selected) and "Manual entry mode". A search input field contains the text "electricity", and a yellow "Find Book" button is to its right. A red arrow points from the text "Click select." in the instruction above to the "Select" button of the first search result. The search results are listed below the search bar, each with a "Select" button and a checkmark icon.

Source Title	Author	Publisher	Year	Action
Electricity	By: Parker, Steve.	Dorling Kindersley ;	1992	Select ✓
Electricity	By: Coulson, C. A., and T. J. M. Boyd.	Longman	2ndd Edition 1979	Select ✓
Electricity	By: Baker, Wendy, and Andrew Haslam.	World Book in association with Two-Can	1997	Select ✓

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4) Information about that source will be filled in automatically. Verify information and type in additional information that may be needed.



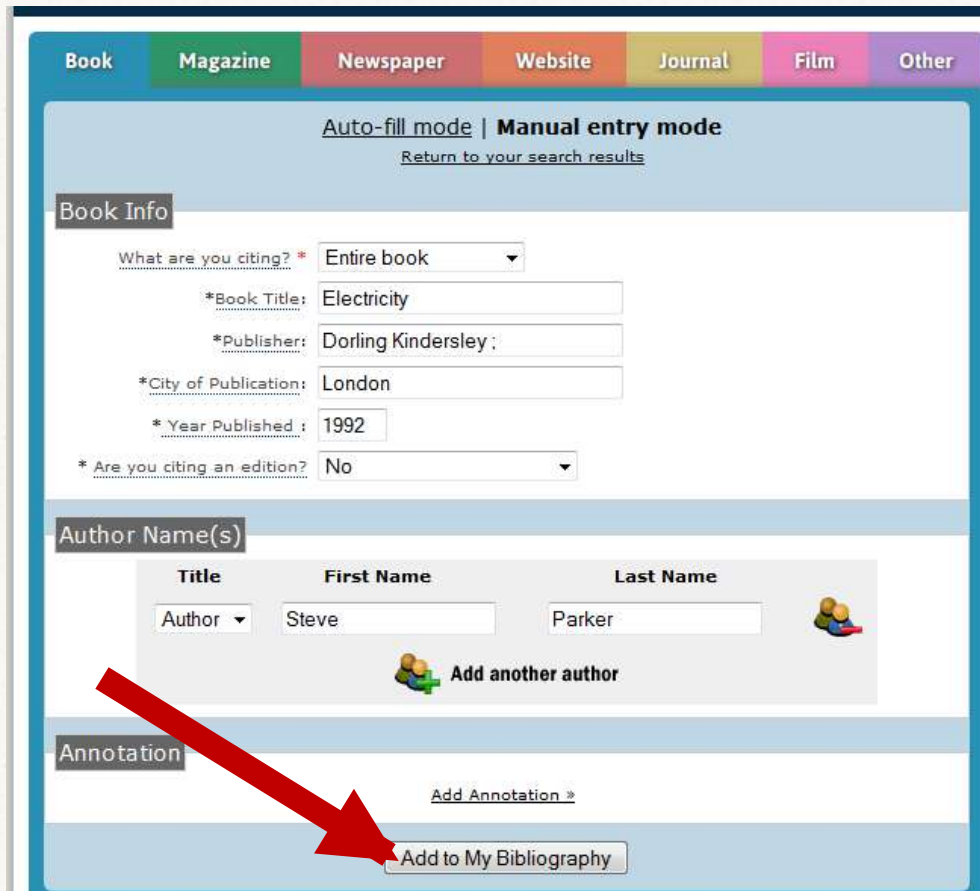
The screenshot shows the bibme.org website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Book', 'Magazine', 'Newspaper', 'Website', 'Journal', 'Film', and 'Other'. Below these is a search bar with 'Auto-fill mode' and 'Manual entry mode' options, and a link to 'Return to your search results'. The main form is titled 'Book Info' and is circled in red. It contains the following fields:

- *What are you citing? *: Entire book (dropdown menu)
- *Book Title: Electricity (text input)
- *Publisher: Dorling Kindersley (text input)
- *City of Publication: London (text input)
- *Year Published: 1992 (text input)
- *Are you citing an edition?: No (dropdown menu)

Below the 'Book Info' section is the 'Author Name(s)' section, which includes a dropdown for 'Title' (set to 'Author'), and text inputs for 'First Name' (Steve) and 'Last Name' (Parker). There is an 'Add another author' button with a plus icon. At the bottom of the form is an 'Add Annotation' link and an 'Add to My Bibliography' button.

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5) Click “add to my bibliography”



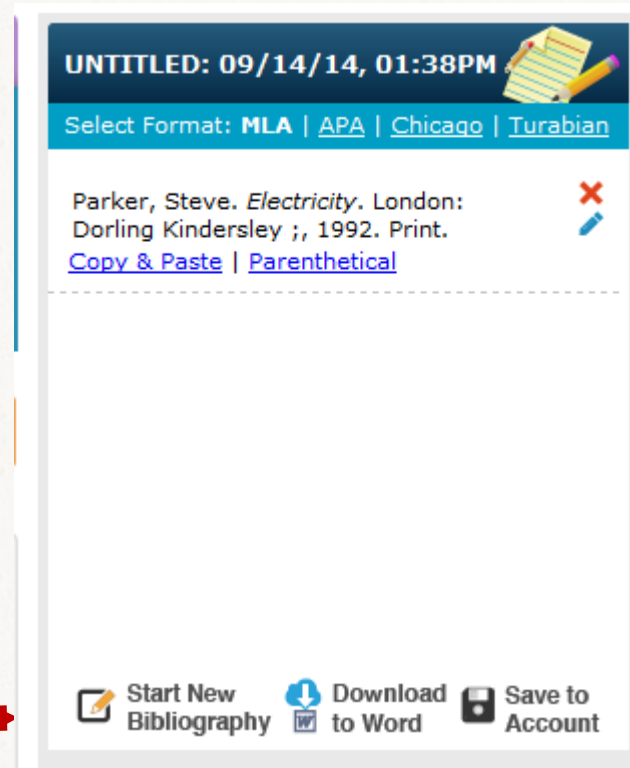
The screenshot displays the bibme.org interface for adding a book to a bibliography. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Book, Magazine, Newspaper, Website, Journal, Film, and Other. Below this, there are options for 'Auto-fill mode' and 'Manual entry mode', with a link to 'Return to your search results'. The 'Book Info' section contains several input fields: 'What are you citing?' (set to 'Entire book'), '*Book Title:' (Electricity), '*Publisher:' (Dorling Kindersley), '*City of Publication:' (London), '*Year Published:' (1992), and '* Are you citing an edition?' (No). The 'Author Name(s)' section has a table with columns for Title, First Name, and Last Name. The 'Title' column has a dropdown set to 'Author', 'First Name' has 'Steve', and 'Last Name' has 'Parker'. There is an 'Add another author' button with a plus icon. Below the author section is an 'Annotation' section with an 'Add Annotation >' link. At the bottom, a red arrow points to the 'Add to My Bibliography' button.


Title	First Name	Last Name
Author	Steve	Parker

[Add to My Bibliography](#)


Using bibme.org

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.






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Select Format: [MLA](#) | [APA](#) | [Chicago](#) | [Turabian](#)

Parker, Steve. *Electricity*. London: Dorling Kindersley ;, 1992. Print. 

[Copy & Paste](#) | [Parenthetical](#)

 Start New Bibliography  Download to Word  Save to Account

A red arrow points to the left side of the screenshot.

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.



How to cite this article:

To cite this article, World Book recommends the following format:

MLA:

Johannes, Michelle D. "Electricity." *World Book Student*. World Book, 2014. Web. 14 Sept. 2014.

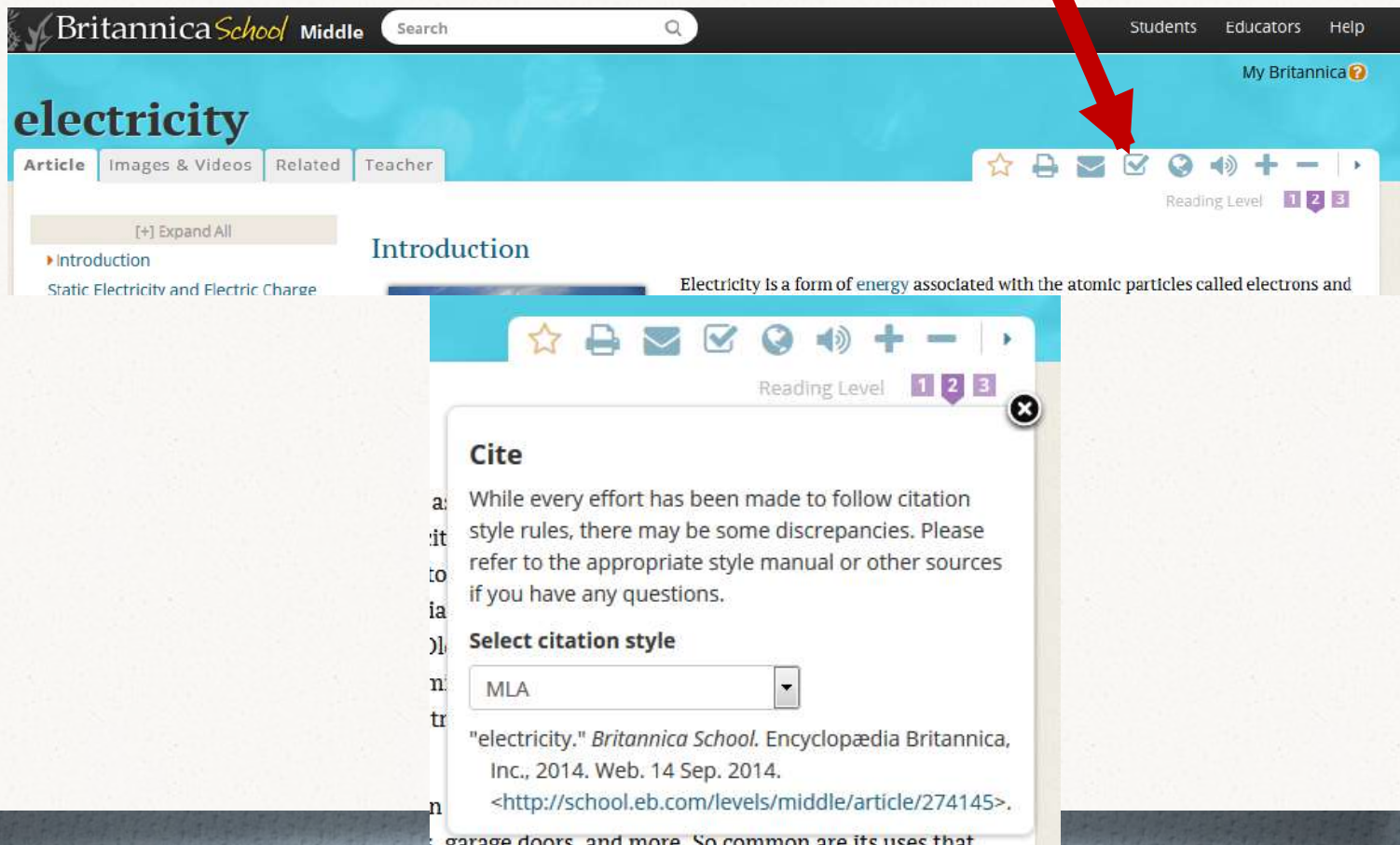
APA:

Johannes, M. D. (2014). Electricity. In *World Book Student*. Retrieved from <http://www.worldbookonline.com/student/article?id=ar177040>

Harvard:

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

On our Britannica database the information can be found by clicking the check mark on the upper right side of the page.



The screenshot shows the Britannica School Middle website interface. The page title is "electricity". The navigation bar includes "Students", "Educators", and "Help". A search bar is present. The article content includes an "Introduction" section with the text: "Electricity is a form of energy associated with the atomic particles called electrons and". A red arrow points to a checkmark icon in the top right corner of the page. A "Cite" dialog box is open, displaying the following text:

Cite

While every effort has been made to follow citation style rules, there may be some discrepancies. Please refer to the appropriate style manual or other sources if you have any questions.

Select citation style

MLA

"electricity." *Britannica School*. Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc., 2014. Web. 14 Sep. 2014.
<<http://school.eb.com/levels/middle/article/274145>>.

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.

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>>.

Encyclopedia :

"Article title." Encyclopedia. Year of edition.

Example:

"Samuel Adams." Children's World Encyclopedia. 2005.