



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**

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!!!!!!!

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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

Quotations and Paraphrasing

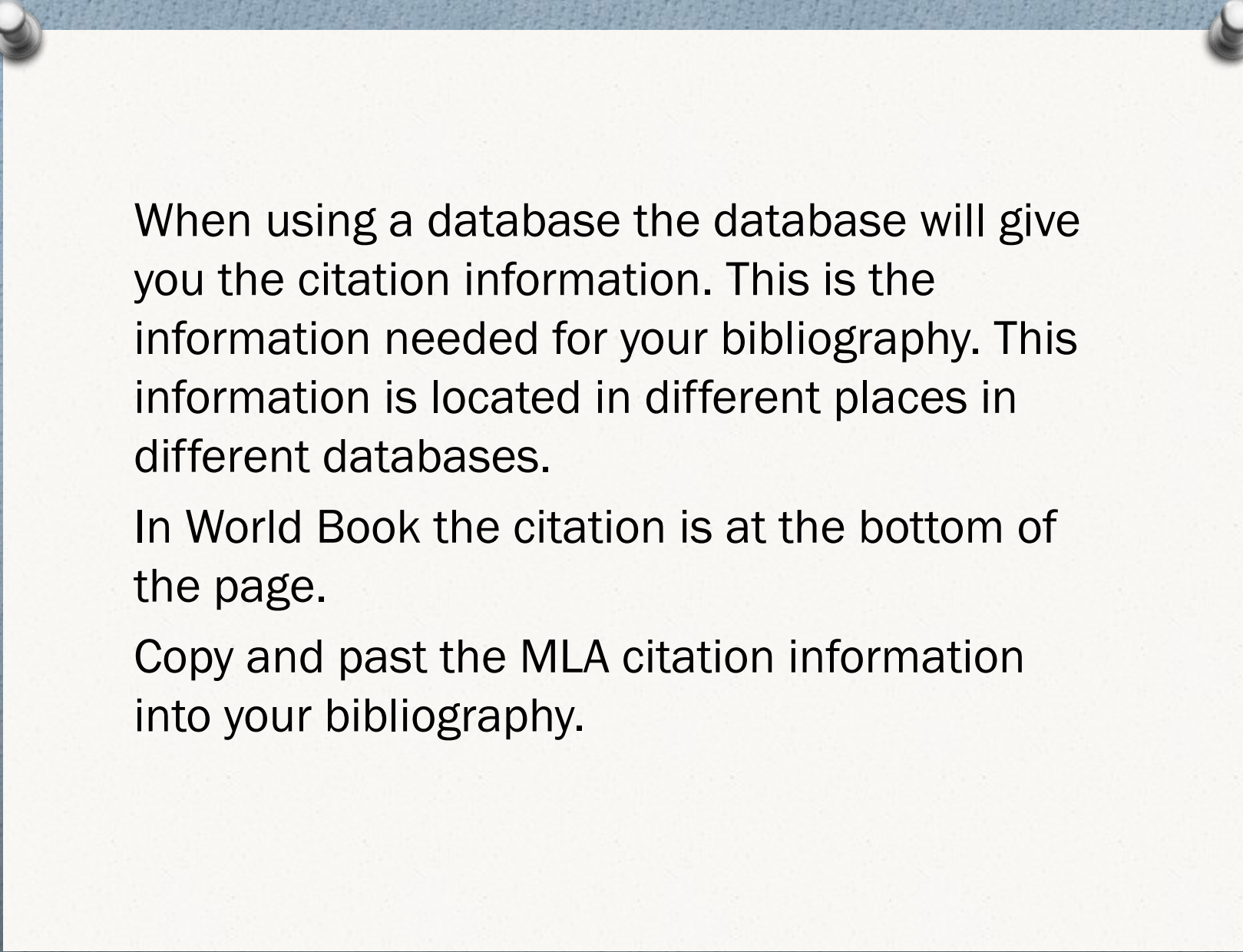
- **Quotations** must be identical to the original, using a narrow segment of the source. They must match the source document word for word and must be attributed to the original author.
- **Paraphrasing** involves putting a passage from source material into your own words. A paraphrase must also be attributed to the original source. Paraphrased material is usually shorter than the original passage, taking a somewhat broader segment of the source and condensing it slightly. Use a statement that credits the source somewhere in the paraphrase or summary (e.g., According to Jonathan Kozol, ...).

Primary and Secondary Sources

- Primary Source: first hand; more accurate object or artifact, journal or diary, letter, person or interview, photographs, speeches
- Secondary Source: someone talks about something that happened to someone else books, articles, internet, tv reports

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 (also called a Works Cited Page), which is the last page in our research paper or project.
- o Keep track of your sources as you gather research.



When using a database the database will give you the citation information. This is the information needed for your bibliography. This information is located in different places in different databases.

In World Book the citation is at the bottom of the page.

Copy and past the MLA citation information into your bibliography.

Bibliography

Your bibliography should be in alphabetical order, by the first letter in the citation.

Sample:

Garrow, David J. "King, Martin Luther, Jr." *World Book Student*. World Book, 2014. Web. 16 Nov. 2014.

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