

Chapter 7 Exercises

Lesson 7.1: Basics of Information Literacy

1. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the student with the strongest information literacy skills.

For film class, Sohla, Jacob, and Ali have just been assigned an essay about the *Kill Bill* series. Sohla immediately starts her first draft since she's already seen two of the movies. Jacob asks his sister, who took the same class two years ago, for a copy of her old essay to use as a basis for his own. Ali begins brainstorming the types of sources she should consult as well as criteria for evaluating the accuracy and credibility of these sources.

- Sohla is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
 - Jacob is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
 - Ali is demonstrating the strongest information literacy skills.
2. Imagine that you spilled coffee on your laptop, and it seems to be broken. You want to know if it can be fixed, and if so, how to fix it yourself. Which sources could you consult to find relevant information? Identify all that apply.
- The laptop's user manual
 - A BuzzFeed article on the five best laptops of 2020
 - At-home laptop repair YouTube videos
 - A print journal article about laptop prototypes
3. Read the following incomplete sentence. Identify the word that should fill in the blank.

To evaluate the _____ of a source, you need to know whether the information is correct.

- credibility
- relevance
- accuracy

Lesson 7.2: Understanding the Research Paper

4. Identify whether the following sentence uses a quotation, paraphrase, or summary.

According to the marine organism research data, "Microplastics were recorded in 95% of sampled fish, with more than one microplastic item found in around 80% of the examined specimens" (Pellini et al., 2018).

- Summary
 - Quotation
 - Paraphrase
5. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that indicates plagiarism.
- Jaylen has paraphrased a passage from his textbook for an economics research essay. He included a correctly formatted APA parenthetical citation for the source. He changed one or two words so that it wasn't identical to the original.
6. Petra is writing an analysis essay on the use of fairy tales in the musical *Into the Woods*. Which sources would be most helpful for her essay? Identify all that apply.
- A book by Steven Sondheim, who wrote the music and lyrics for *Into the Woods*
 - Student-written program notes from a high school production of *Into the Woods*
 - A scholarly article about themes in fairy tales and fables

Lesson 7.3: Planning and Tracking Your Research

7. Identify the scholarly source in the following list.

- An article from the *International Journal of Cardiovascular Research*
- A friend's testimonial from his experience working in a multilevel marketing organization
- An article in *People* magazine about how exercising like Jennifer Lopez reduces your risk of heart disease

8. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that illustrates the use of a secondary source.

Larissa's essay about Maya Angelou included several citations from Angelou's book *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. Larissa further established her point with a quotation from a critical analysis of Angelou's work that was published by a creative writing professor at Stanford University. Moreover, Larissa cited several comments Angelou made during a TV interview with Oprah Winfrey after her appearance at President Obama's inauguration in 2009.

9. What are the best places to find information on the following narrowed topic? Identify all that apply.

The history of the electoral college and how its implementation has evolved

- The library
- Online research databases
- An opinion poll
- Academic journals

Lesson 7.4: Identifying Types of Sources

10. Consider the following scenario. Identify the sentence that illustrates the use of a popular source.

Tray wrote an essay on the COVID-19 pandemic after interviewing someone whose brother had passed away at age thirty from the disease. Tray had also watched several recent news reports on TV about measures to slow the virus's spread. Lastly, he read a peer-reviewed article about the novel coronavirus in the *Virology Journal*.

11. Write a brief paragraph that compares and contrasts the benefits of popular and scholarly sources. Address the topics and writing purposes that are appropriate for each source type.

12. For her English essay, Parker wants a source that has been peer-reviewed by literature experts. Based on this information, which type of source should she use?

- A scholarly source
- A magazine article
- A newspaper opinion article

Lesson 7.5: Evaluating the Credibility of Sources

13. Imagine you're researching urban housing statistics in America. Identify the person who would have the most authority on this topic.

- Eric Genrich, mayor of Green Bay, Wisconsin, son of a famous architect
- Ben Carson, Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- Hollis Kramer, installation artist with a focus on urban design

14. Consider the following scenario. Which sources are credible? Identify all that apply.

Florie is starting a research project on teen drug use, and she plans to use three sources in her paper:

Source 1 is a peer-reviewed article published last June in a scholarly psychology journal.

Source 2 is an interview that Florie conducted with her friend Caroline, who has watched a popular Netflix series about drug abuse.

Source 3 is a documentary film produced by the National Federation of Drug and Alcohol Abuse that explains the physical and mental effects of drug abuse on young adults.

- Source 1
- Source 2
- Source 3
15. Identify the credible source for an academic essay about a new drug for treating headaches.
- The pharmaceutical company that manufactures the drug
- A chemistry professor with expertise and credentials in the pharmaceutical field
- An advertising executive who has produced commercials promoting the drug

Lesson 7.6: Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism

16. Read the following passage. Identify the sentence that uses an MLA in-text citation.

In *War at Sea in the Age of Sail*, Andrew Lambert traces the development of ships and naval warfare. He indicates that the last great battle of the sailing era was during the Greek revolution against Turkey. Lambert describes the early steamships as a “strange hybrid with a screw propeller” (213).

17. Why is the following paraphrase an example of plagiarism?

Veterinarians agree that pit bulls are just as affectionate as any other dog (12).

- It should provide the page numbers where this information is found in the original source.
- It should provide the author’s name in a signal phrase or in-text citation.
- It should indicate the original source’s publication month in a signal phrase.
18. Read the following sentence. Fill in the triangle to indicate where an MLA-style parenthetical citation should be placed.

Renowned philosopher Susan Monroe Δ explains that Δ “consciousness is more than just biological processes but perhaps less important to human action than many of us assume” Δ . Δ

Lesson 7.7: Integrating Sources into Your Writing

19. Consider the following scenario. Then, identify the correct MLA citation Neil should use.

Neil is writing an essay for his psychology course. He is going to directly **quote** the source he has found. Here is the excerpt he is citing from page 213 of a book by Jermaine Mendez:

“We rarely stop to consider how amazing our basic perceptions of the world are.”

- Jermaine Mendez discusses how we often don’t understand or appreciate the ways in which we view the world (213).
- It’s strange how we often disregard perception as why we see things differently. (213)
- While explaining how perspective works, Jermaine Mendez marvels at how “we rarely stop to consider how amazing our basic perceptions of the world are” (213).

20. When summarizing a source in MLA style, a writer should do which of the following? Identify all that apply.

- Use as many of the original source's words as possible without quoting them.
- Condense the source information to a main idea and explain it using original language.
- Include the author's name and page number (if applicable) in an in-text citation.

21. Identify the source integration method used in the following citation.

It is noted that a United Nations panel, formed to address such possibilities, delivered a statement positing that carbon emissions have already passed the point of no return and that human society as we have known it will very likely collapse within thirty years (Williams 87).

- Paraphrasing
- Quoting
- Summarizing

Lesson 7.8: The Annotated Bibliography

22. Read the following excerpt from an annotated bibliography. Identify the true statement about this excerpt.

This essay is an excellent primary source for my argument to increase federal oversight in privately run prisons. I plan to quote the author's definition of the prison-industrial complex in my introduction. This article will be the main source of evidence for my paper.

- This excerpt describes the source.
- This excerpt evaluates the source.

23. The following sentence is from an annotated bibliography. Identify whether it describes or evaluates the source.

The author of this article explores the potential effects of climate change on weather patterns in more depth and detail than any other sources I consulted.

- Describes
- Evaluates

24. Read the following excerpt from an annotated bibliography. Identify the sentence that evaluates the source.

Alexandra Koulat's *Eyewitness* chronicles the post-Soviet development of Kosovo and its struggle to emerge as an independent culture. Koulat provides details and firsthand information based on multiple interviews with people about their economic struggles, cultural identity, and daily lives. As a photojournalist for National Geographic, Koulat's experience gives her an eye for human interaction and unique details that could make this an excellent source for sociological, geopolitical, and anthropological research.

Lesson 7.9: Basics of MLA Style

25. Identify the sentence with a correct MLA in-text citation.

- The results of the study, however, could be interpreted positively, according to lead researcher Melanie Markle (Jackson et al. 155).
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- The results of the study, however, could be interpreted positively, according to lead researcher Melanie Markle (by Jackson, et al. 155).

26. Read the following passage and identify the sentence that correctly **quotes** it.

A lack of diversity in public service roles, such as law enforcement, often leads to growing tensions between officers and the people they are meant to serve and protect. As systemic racism is continually exposed, American communities must build new institutions that promote justice and equality.

- Socioeconomic differences between police officers and their communities have resulted in a dangerous level of mistrust on both sides (Levine 22).
 - Levine argues that the root cause of these growing tensions is “a lack of diversity in public service roles, such as law enforcement” (22).
27. Read the following passage. Which sentences use correct in-text citations? Identify all that apply.

Williams illustrates that, in repeated trials, butter is an ineffective substitute for gunpowder (Williams p46). Stevens proves this theory is true in multiple experiments (320). However, in her 2018 book, Higgins states that “whoever believed gunpowder and butter could function the same way should have never been given a chemistry degree” (253).

Lesson 7.10: Basics of APA Style

28. Identify the sentence that contains a correct APA narrative citation.

- Heimish argued that nanotechnology could revolutionize modern surgical procedures (2018).
- Latish stated, “Nanotechnology could turn heart bypass surgery into a routine outpatient procedure” (2017) (p.245).
- Messenger (2019) maintained that “we are on the very brink of a nanotechnology revolution” (para. 14).
- Smith and Redkins (et al.) argued that the benefits of artificial intelligence far outweigh the theoretical dangers.

29. Read the following source details. Then, write the correct APA reference page entry for this source.

Source type: book

Title: The Psychology of Social Media

Author: Ciaran McMahon

Publication date: 2019

Publisher information: Routledge

Page range cited: 201–212

30. Read the following sentence. Fill in the triangle to indicate where the publication date should be inserted, according to APA style.

Cal DeSoto Δ , in his definitive study on agriculture in the U.S. Δ , found that the Farm Bill is actually detrimental to some harvesting operations. Δ

Lesson 7.11: Basics of CMS

31. The following CMS in-text citation uses the author-date method to cite a website updated in July 2019 with no known author. Is this citation written correctly?

As the article “Snowball Earth” on the website *TheoryPress* explains, “The snowball theory posits that approximately 850 million years ago, Earth was once a massive snowball floating in space and only menially warmed by a dim sun” (2019).

- Yes, this in-text citation is written correctly.
- No, this in-text citation is written incorrectly.
32. Read the following CMS bibliographic citation. Identify the part that references the book’s publisher.

McCarten, Anthony. *Darkest Hour: How Churchill Brought England Back from the Brink*. New York: HarperCollins, 2017.

33. Read the following sentence from a CMS notes-and-bibliography essay. Fill in the triangle where the superscript number should be inserted to direct readers to the corresponding footnote.

△“You have enemies? Good. That means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life,”△ claimed Winston Churchill.△

Lesson 7.12: Basics of CSE Style

34. Identify the CSE citation system used in the following reference entry.

Turner GG, Reeder DM. 2009. Update of white nose syndrome in bats. *Bat Res News*. 50:47–52.

- Name-year
- Citation-sequence
- Citation-name
35. Read the following CSE name-year reference entry for a journal article. Which parts of the reference would appear in an in-text citation? Identify all that apply.

Hammond C. 2016. Genes: a natural molecular pathway processing system. *Oxford Journal of Genetics*. 94(3):705–711.

36. Consider the following template for referencing a book in CSE citation-sequence style. Fill in the triangle to identify where the year of publication belongs.

Author's Last Name Initials. △Title of source. Edition. △ Publisher Location: Publisher; △ Pages or location. △