

Citing Sources for *Celebrate Juneteenth* Writing Competition Essays

Reason for Citing Sources:

Readers need to be informed of the ideas that are not the author's original ideas, but gleaned from readings in books, journal articles, the internet, etc. This is so they can read and learn more about the topic if they desire. It also lets the reader know your ideas are backed up by others who have knowledge of the topic and guards against plagiarism.

Citations

When you say something that you didn't know already, or something that you read somewhere, you need to cite it (give credit to the source).

You must cite when:

1. You use a quotation
2. You paraphrase text
3. You summarize a text
4. You use facts & data that aren't common knowledge

(Passanisi, MiddleWeb Blog)

For this competition the requirement is a simplified Author-Date style with In-Text Citations and a Works Cited reference page at the end of the essay. (21Century Teacher – Comments <https://www.middleweb.com/25179/how-we-learned-to-cite-our-sources/>)

In-Text Citations

Book:

(Last name, page number).

Example:

(Johnson, 55).

Website:

(History Channel, "George Washington").

Works Cited Page

Citing a book:

Last name, First name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication.

Example:

Johnson, Paul. *A History of the American People*. New York: Harper Collins, 1997.

Citing a website:

“article name.” website name. date of access. (url)

“George Washington.” Historychannel.com. May 5, 2014.

For additional information on the Author-Date Style or Citing Sources in general, go to:

<https://www.easybib.com/guides/citation-guides/chicago-turabian/>

“How we learned to cite our sources.” Middle Web. March 29, 2022.

(<https://www.middleweb.com/25179/how-we-learned-to-cite-our-sources/>)

“Chicago/Turabian Style Guide.” EasyBib. March 29, 2022.

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