**Citing Sources**

**What does it mean to cite a source?**

* An **in-text citation** is a note in an essay that tells the reader where a piece of information or an idea came from.
* In-text citations always appear in (parentheses).
* At the end of an essay, a writer includes a **list of works cited** that gives details about all the in-text citations.

**Why do writers cite sources?**

* To avoid plagiarism--the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.
* To prove that the evidence is real and credible.
* To inform the reader about where to find more information on the topic.

**What gets cited?**

* Quoted information from a secondary source.
* Paraphrased information from a secondary source.
* Information obtained in an interview.
* Any idea that is not your own.

**How do you cite a source?**

* Insert the in-text citation before the period at the end of the sentence in which the quotation or paraphrase appears.
* For any in-text citation, include the first item that appears in the works-cited entry that corresponds to the citation (e.g. author name, article name, website name).
* See the list below for examples concerning different types of sources.

***Articles and Essays***

Include the following information in the works-cited entry in this order:

* Article's author
* Title of the article in quotations marks
* Magazine or newspaper’s title in italics
* Date of publication
* Page number
* Medium

*In-Text Citation*

A new study has revealed that eating school lunches is a contributor to childhood obesity (Melnick).

*Works Cited Entry*

Melnick, Meredith. “Is School Lunch Making Your Kids Fat?” *Time Magazine*. 7 Feb 2011: 28. Print.

***Websites & Webpages***

Include the following information in the works-cited entry in this order:

* Author and/or editor names (if available)
* Article name in quotation marks (if applicable)
* Title of the website
* Name of institution/organization publishing the site
* Date of resource creation (if available)
* Date you accessed the material.

\*\*For websites and pages, remember to use *n.p.* if no publisher name is available and *n.d.* if no publishing date is given.\*\*

*In-Text Citation*

The National School Lunch Program has existed since 1946 and “provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day” (“National School Lunch Program”).

*Works-Cited Entry*

“National School Lunch Program.” *Food and Nutrition Service*. United States Department of Agriculture. 21 Feb. 2012. Web. 6 May 2011.

***Personal Interview***For any information you get in an interview with a family member, friend, acquaintance or interviewee, include the following information in this order:

* name of the interviewee
* the phrase “Personal interview”
* the date of the interview

*In-Text Citation*

My friend Michelle says, “At my school, French fries and pizza are options in the cafeteria every single day of the week” (Chen).

*Works-Cited Entry*

Chen, Michelle. Personal interview. 20 June 2011.

***You Try!***

1. Insert an in-text citation into one of the sentences in your paragraph that has information from a secondary source.
2. Create a works-cited entry for the in-text citation at the end of the paragraph.