English 4CP

Research Paper Information

**Online Databases:**

• In Context (Science, US History, World History)

• Resource Center (Science, US History, World History)

• Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers

• EBSCO HOST Research Databases

• SIRS Knowledge Source

• World Geography

• ABC CLIO (American History, World History)

• ABC CLIO: Issues, Understanding Controversy and Society

• Morris Daily Herald

• OCLC First Search

**4x6 Notecards (with lines) – QUOTE or PARAPHRASE**

SLUG Author’s Last Name pg# (or “Article” if no author)

Write the direct quote you want to use EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS. You can paraphrase these later if necessary. If you eliminate any words from the quote, make sure you put ellipses […] to indicate this omission. IF you need to correct a portion of the writer’s words (i.e. spelling/grammar), you use brackets [ ] to indicated this action. HOWEVER, please think about using this material if your source has made and error – how credible is this source? Put only one note on each card. Do not fill the card for the sake of using space. It is important that your note cards contain only one idea and under that specific topic for later organization.

**3x5** **Notecards (with lines) – SOURCE CARD**

Print or Web Source #

Your source card should include the appropriate MLA citation that will appear on your Works Cited if used in your essay. Check your MLA Resource Guide or visit https://owl.english.purdue.edu/ for up to date information on how to cite sources. If you choose to use Easy Bib, you may still want to view the OWL at Purdue’s website to check for errors.

**Direct Quotations:**

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.

**Paraphrase:**

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.

**Example:**  The current constitutional debate over heavy metal rock and gangsta rap music is not just about the explicit language but also advocacy, an act of incitement to violence.  
   
 **Inadequate paraphrase:**  Today’s constitutional debate about gangsta rap and heavy metal rock is not just about obscene language but also advocacy and incitement of acts of violence.  
   
 **Adequate paraphrase:**  Lyrics in some rap and heavy metal songs that appear to promote violence, along with concerns about obscenity, have generated a constitutional debate over popular music.

**Summary:**

Summarizing involves putting the main idea(s) into your own words, including only the main point(s). Once again, it is necessary to attribute summarized ideas to the original source. Summaries are significantly shorter than the original and take a broad overview of the source material.

**Final Draft:**

A paper – Minimum of 6 sources used

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C paper -- Minimum of 5 sources used

3 must be “hard” sources

Minimum 40 note cards

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Minimum of 35 note cards

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Fewer than 3 “hard” sources

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