

Interpreting a Bibliography

1. Go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRZldbaVys4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eRZldbaVys4) or search YouTube for “How to Read a Citation” from the University of Arkansas. Watch the short video. If you are working in the Writing and Reading Center, you will need to check out headphones from the reception desk using your student ID card or your driver’s license.

2. While watching the video, answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:
   a. According to the video, citations function like a map in what way?
   b. Why do writers cite their sources?
   c. What are the three major citation manuals and which one will you be using for the papers you write for your English class?
   d. What common elements are included in all source citations?
   e. In APA style, article titles are presented in standard typeface. In MLA format, article titles are distinguished by what?

3. For more information on MLA citation, please refer to handouts available here in the WRC or on our website (http://academic.rcc.edu/wrc), or visit http://www.virtualsalt.com/mla.htm. If you have questions, see an instructor or a tutor before moving on.

Once you are ready, go on to #4.

4. Read the following bibliography from the CAHSEE On Target workbook and answer the questions that follow:


   (1) Who wrote *The Shape of the River*?
   (2) In the second entry, what does San Francisco refer to?
(3) In the third entry, what does Princeton UP (University Press) refer to?

(4) Which of the four books above is most recently published?

(5) Where was The Big Test published?

(6) Who published The Roots of Phonics?

(7) What does the word “print” refer to at the end of each entry?

5. Before reviewing your answers with an instructor or tutor, use the space below to write any questions you still have about interpreting a bibliography:

6. Review your answers with an instructor or tutor in the WRC. Have that person sign and date this sheet.

   Instructor/Tutor signature

7. Return this completed, signed sheet to your instructor.