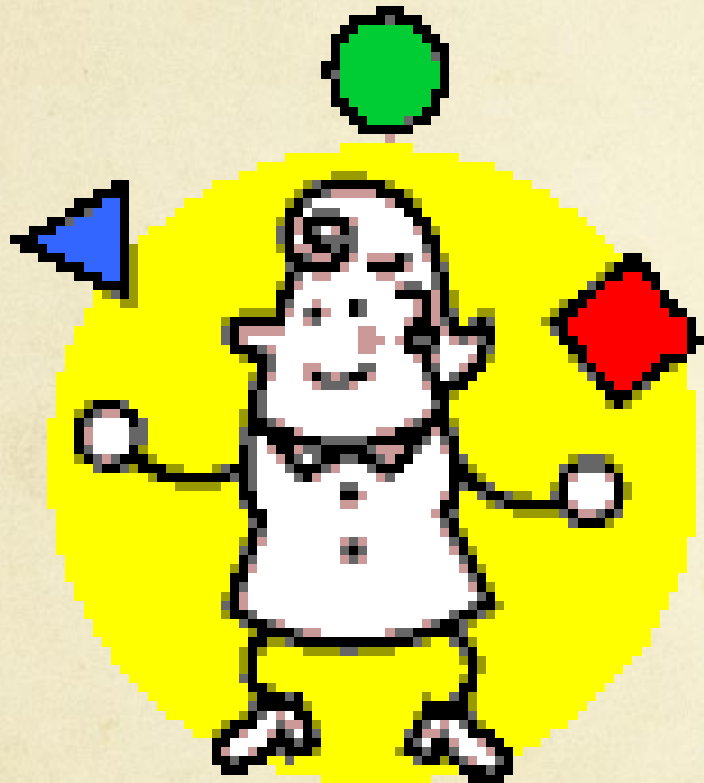


Juggling your first research paper



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What we will discuss

- Where to find information for your paper
- How to know which sites are best
- Organizing your research
- Why do you need to have a Works Cited page
- What is plagiarizing

Where to find your information



- Books are always your best bet!
 - Start with an encyclopedia
 - Use the table of contents & index of the book to shorten your search
- Use the Internet
 - Start with online encyclopedias
 - Use databases
 - <http://elementary.oslis.org>
 - <https://multcolib.org/research>
- Always double check your info!

Pop Quiz!!!

What type of book will you use for research?

Fiction -or- Non-Fiction

Where is the *table of contents* located in a book?

Where is the *index* located in a book?

How to know which sites are best

- There are 5 things to look for when deciding which website to use.



- 1. & 2.) Accuracy & Authority

- .edu, .org, .gov are sometimes more reliable than .com
- Is the person who published the website knowledgeable in that field?

- 3.) Coverage

- Is there more text than images?
- Is the information cited?

- 4.) Objectivity

- What is the goal of the website?
- Is the information facts or opinions?

- 5.) Currency

- Is the info current?
- Are all the links working?
- When was the website last updated?



Any Questions???

Organizing your research

- **Tip 1** - Make sure you know how many sources you need for your research paper.
- **Tip 2** - WRITE IT DOWN! If you find a good book or website, write down the title, author, website so you can find it later.
- **Tip 3** - Your notes need to be tidier than your bookbag!
 - Here's a strategy to try...

Tip 3 – continued...

- Find a good source (book, website, etc.)
- Write down all the information you need for your Works Cited page at the top of a sheet of paper
- Write all the facts and notes you need from that source on that sheet of paper with the page number (if you use a book).
- Each new source (book, website, etc.) gets a sheet of paper.

An example is in your packet.

What's a Works Cited page

- A Work's Cited page is the *last* page of your research paper
- This is where you will list in ABC order each book, website, etc. you used to find your information
- This page *will not* have any research on it, only your sources

Remember!

You always have to give credit for someone else's ideas!!!



What needs to be on the Works Cited page???

- For each source you use, you will need the following information:
 - Author(s)
 - Title of book, magazine, and articles
 - Page number(s)...if you're using a book or magazine
 - Publishing information: year, location
 - The date you took info from a website

What will your Works Cited page look like???

- Everything is DOUBLE SPACED
- The SECOND line is indented 1 tab (not spaces) with what's called a *hanging indent*
- Titles of books and magazines will be *italicized* and articles will be in “quotes”
- Your Works Cited page, along with your research paper, will be typed using Times New Roman, 12 pt font

Don't worry! It sounds harder than it is!!!

Works Cited

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There's a website for that!

- It's OKAY if you can't remember all that...there's a website to help!
- <http://www.bibme.org>
- If you don't like that one, try another...there's a bunch of citation sites on the web!

Plagiarizing



Plagiarizing is when you take and use ideas, passages, images, etc. from someone else (ex: an author) without giving credit to that person.

Final Thoughts

- Writing your research paper and Works Cited page *really is* easier than it looks!!!
- **ALWAYS** ask for help when you need help!!!
- The CPS Library website has a lot of useful resources
 - http://www.edline.net/pages/Centennial_Park_School/Library

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