

Citing Sources Correctly

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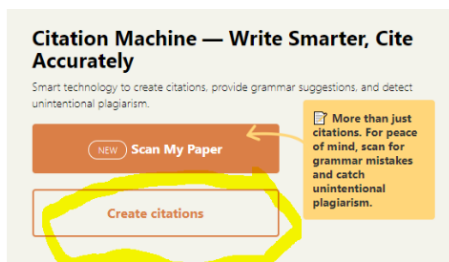
Here's an image from www.pixabay.com, a website with many images that are free to use or share. The image's URL is <https://pixabay.com/en/narrative-history-dream-tell-794978>.

To get help "citing" this image, here's what to do to give credit to the image's creator and source.

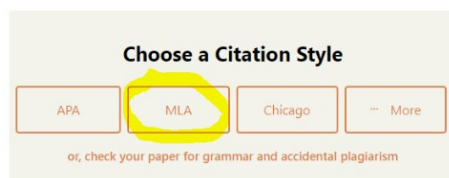


1. Go to www.citationmachine.net

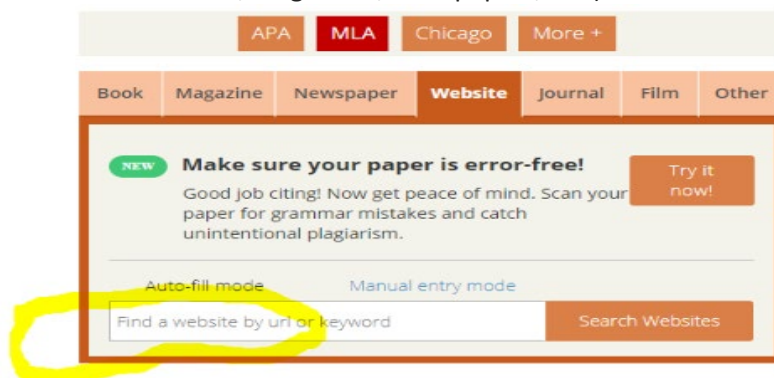
2. Click on "Create citations."



3. Select "MLA." In English courses, we usually use MLA. Another popular format for citing sources of info is APA. Social studies teachers and math teachers might want you to use APA. There are minor differences between the two styles. Right now, the main thing is for you to see how easy it is to use a website such as www.citationmachine.net and www.easybib.com to cite your sources so that other people can follow up and get to the same image or info that you found.



4. Select "Website" tab because a URL to cite. **Paste** the URL, and **click** on "Search Websites." (Select a different tab for books, magazines, newspapers, etc.)



5. Click on "**Select**." The website might take a minute to generate the bibliography entry.

The screenshot shows the citation generator's search results page. At the top, there are tabs for citation styles: APA, MLA, Chicago, and More. Below these are tabs for source types: Book, Magazine, Newspaper, Website, Journal, Film, and Other. A green banner at the top left says "NEW Make sure your paper is error-free!" with a "Try it now!" button. Below the banner, there are two modes: "Auto-fill mode" and "Manual entry mode". A search bar contains the text "Find a website by url or keyword" and a "Search Websites" button. At the bottom, there is a preview of the citation data found, including the URL "https://pixabay.com/en/narrative-history-dream-tell-794978/" and a "Select" button, which is highlighted with a yellow circle.

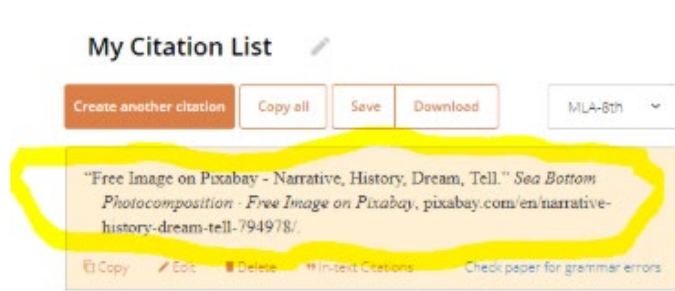
6. Have a quick look. If you can fill in the missing info, do it after you click on "**Final Step**."

The screenshot shows the "Here's what we found!" page. It displays the citation data found for the URL "https://pixabay.com/en/narrative-history-dream-tell-794978/". The data includes the URL, Website Title, Article Title, and Date Accessed. Below this, it lists information that could not be found: Publisher/Sponsor and Date Published. A message at the bottom says "We may not have all the information we need to create the citation. Please use the next page to fill in any empty fields." and a "Final Step" button, which is highlighted with a yellow circle.

7. **Add** info if you can. Then click on "**Create Citation**."

The screenshot shows the "Add info" page. It has a "Contributors" section with a dropdown menu for "Author" and input fields for "First", "MI / Middle", "Last / corp.", and "Suffix". Below this is a section for "Online publication info" with input fields for "Website title", "Publisher / sponsor", "URL", and "Electronically published" (with dropdowns for "Day", "Month", "Year", and "Timezone"). At the bottom, there is an "Add Annotation" text area and a "Create Citation" button, which is highlighted with a yellow circle.

8. **Copy the entry and paste it into your assignment.**



When done, a Work Cited page with several entries in alphabetical order with hanging indents will look like the one on this website, https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_sample_works_cited_page.html, and like the image below:

