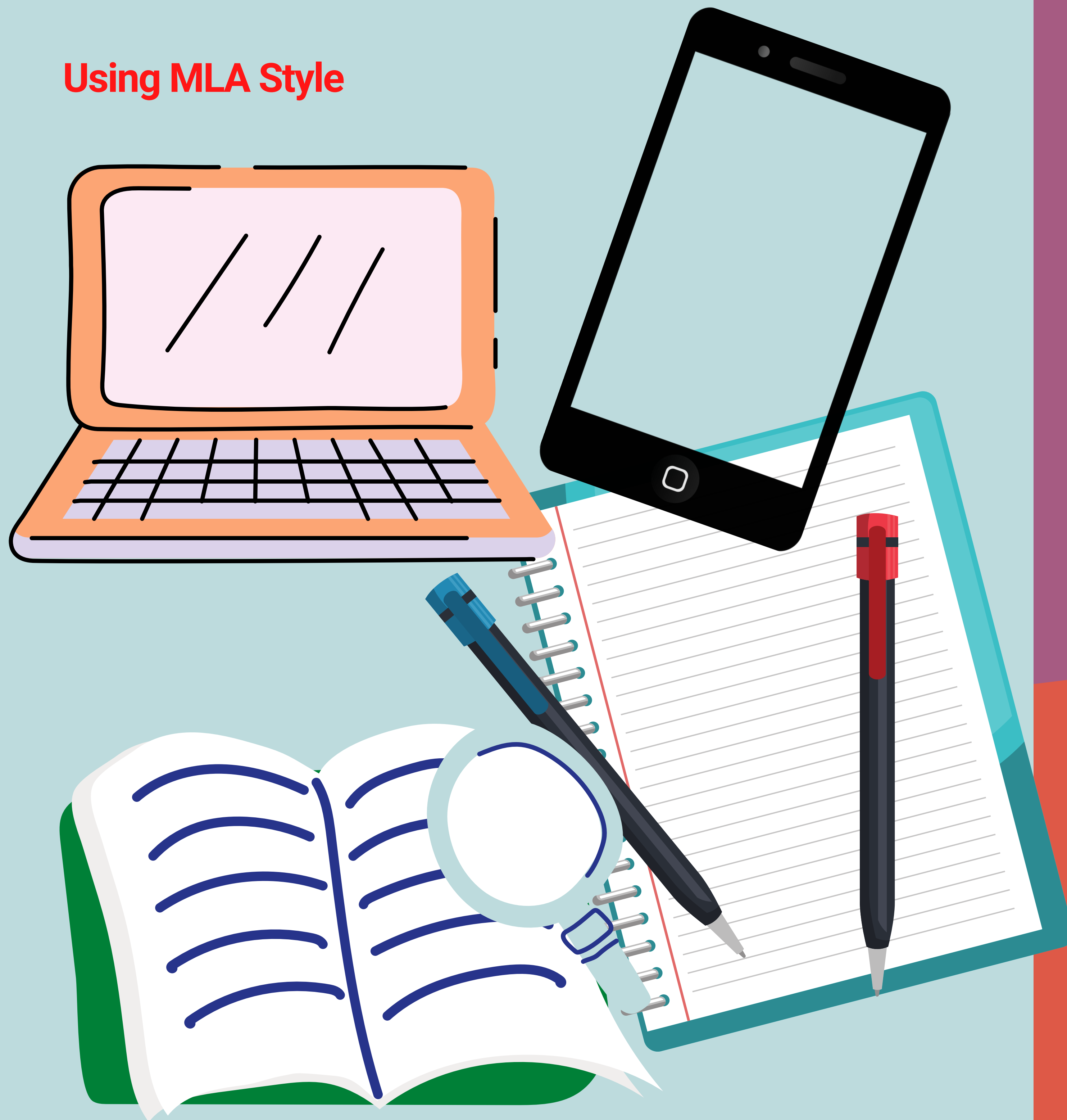


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What is "citing?"

"Citing your work" is when you give credit to the person you got your information from. You do it in the form of IN-TEXT citations and a WORKS CITED page at the end of you essay or presentation.

Why is it important to cite your work?

It's important to read/watch/listen to other people's perspective. If you listen to a perspective and use it to prove YOUR point, then you need to cite your work to show where your info came from. You wouldn't want other people to steal your idea and pretend it was theirs, right?



When should I cite?

Use a citation ANY time you do one of the following:

- Use an exact quote from someone
- Use an indirect quote, but it is still from another source
- Use an idea that you didn't come up with yourself

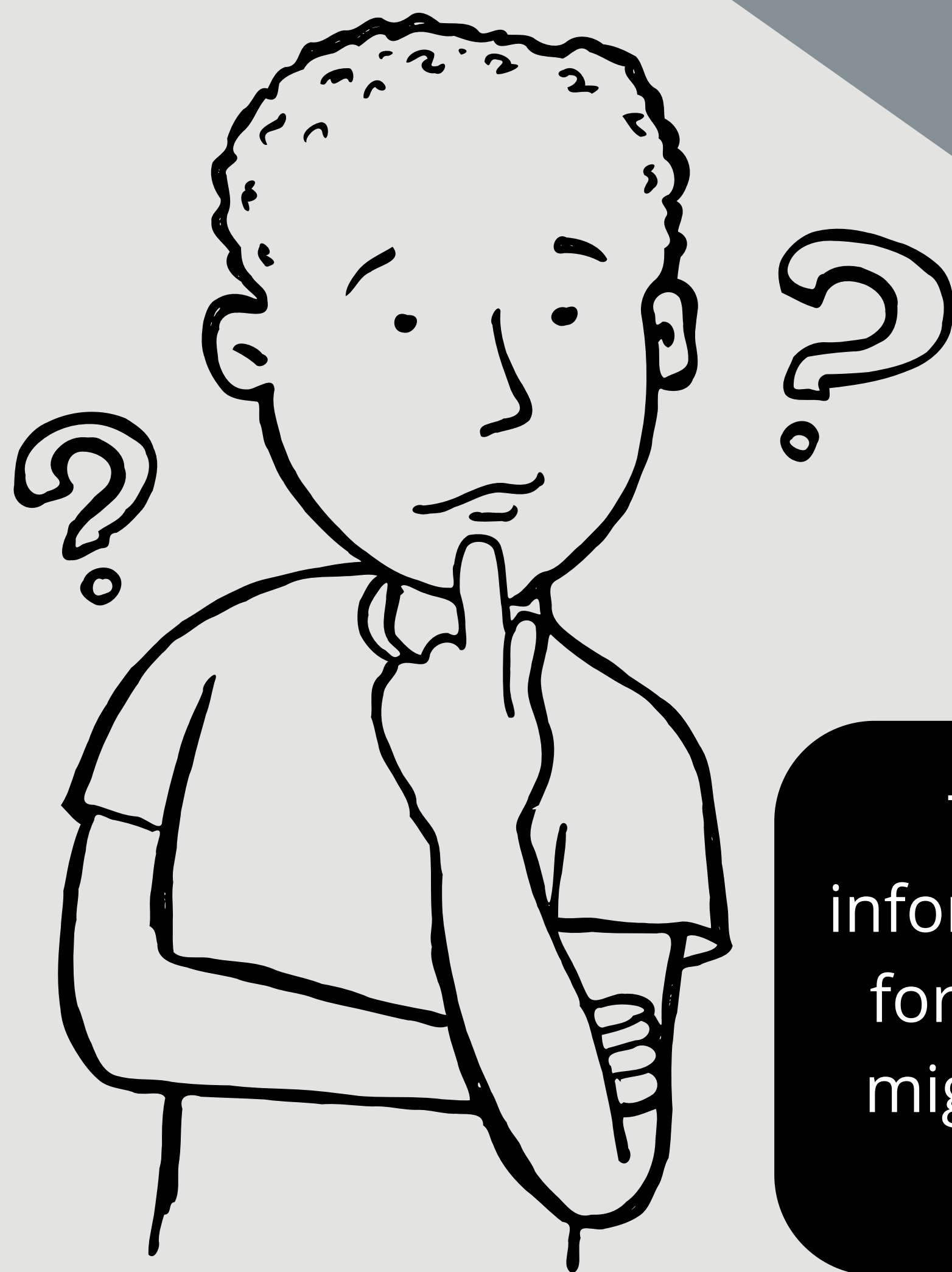
It's not cheating to reference other people's work, but if you don't cite then it can be considered **plagiarism** and you could receive a 0 on your assignment.



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There are MANY different ways to cite your work. This information is just talking about MLA Style. If you go to school for science, psychology, history, or geography one day, you might also encounter APA, CSE, and Chicago Styles! They all look different but accomplish the exact same thing.

THE ANATOMY OF AN IN-TEXT CITATION

These are used **IN** your written work (ie. paragraph, essay, etc.). You include them at the end of your sentence and **BEFORE** the period. For example, if I were using a quote from a book, it would look like this:

Note the quotation marks before and after the quote.

"Then I walked out to my truck and was gone by the time I started the engine,"

(Wagameese, 35).

The actual citation has to START and END with parentheses.

You MUST have the author's LAST name in your citation.

Period goes HERE.

Use a comma to separate your quote from the citation.

This is the page that the quote came from. If you're using a source without pages, you don't need this.

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WORKS CITED PAGES

Use the examples to the right to show you how to cite different types of sources. At the end of your paper, presentation, video, podcast, etc., you need to include a page that lists ALL of the sources that you used. List them in alphabetical order, according to the last name of the author. Make it a separate page and title it "Works Cited."

EXAMPLES

1. Book with author or corporate author:

Author. Title of book. City: Publisher, Date.

Jones, Anne. The Roman World: From the Etruscans to the Fall of Rome. New York: McGraw, 1987. **OR**

National Geographic Society. Famous Romans. Washington: National Geographic, 1990.

2. Newspaper article (signed):

Author of article. "Title of article." Title of newspaper Date: Page.

Elson, Samantha. "Touring Britain's Hadrian's Wall." Toronto Globe & Mail 8 July 1994: E4.

3. Internet Site

Author's name (last name first). Document title. Date of Internet publication. Date of access <URL>.

Using MLA to Cite and Document Sources. n.d. 25 October 2003 .

4. Music

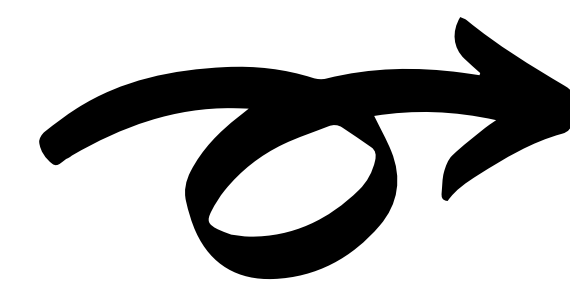
Musician's name. "Name of song." Name of album. Year of publication.

Mother Mother. "O My Heart." Touch Up. 2007.

So, if your paragraph looks like this:

How Videogames Help us Learn

Videogames help us learn how to make friends, communicate with others, and build strong decision-making skills. Some people believe that videogames create a "community of learners" (Gee, 203). In that community, we learn how to become part of a group and follow directions as well as give directions to other players (Kline). When we feel like we belong to a community, we realize that our decisions affect others as well as ourselves (Gee, 205). This connection with other people in videogames is what helps to spark our learning and make us into social beings. Researchers believe that "a lot of what makes videogames fun is also good for your health" (Eddard). The communication, decisions, and friendships that make videogames interesting also help us learn and grow as people.



Then your Works Cited should look like this:

Works Cited

- Eddard, Vince. Yes, video games are good... for your mind and body. May 9, 2018. June 22, 2021
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