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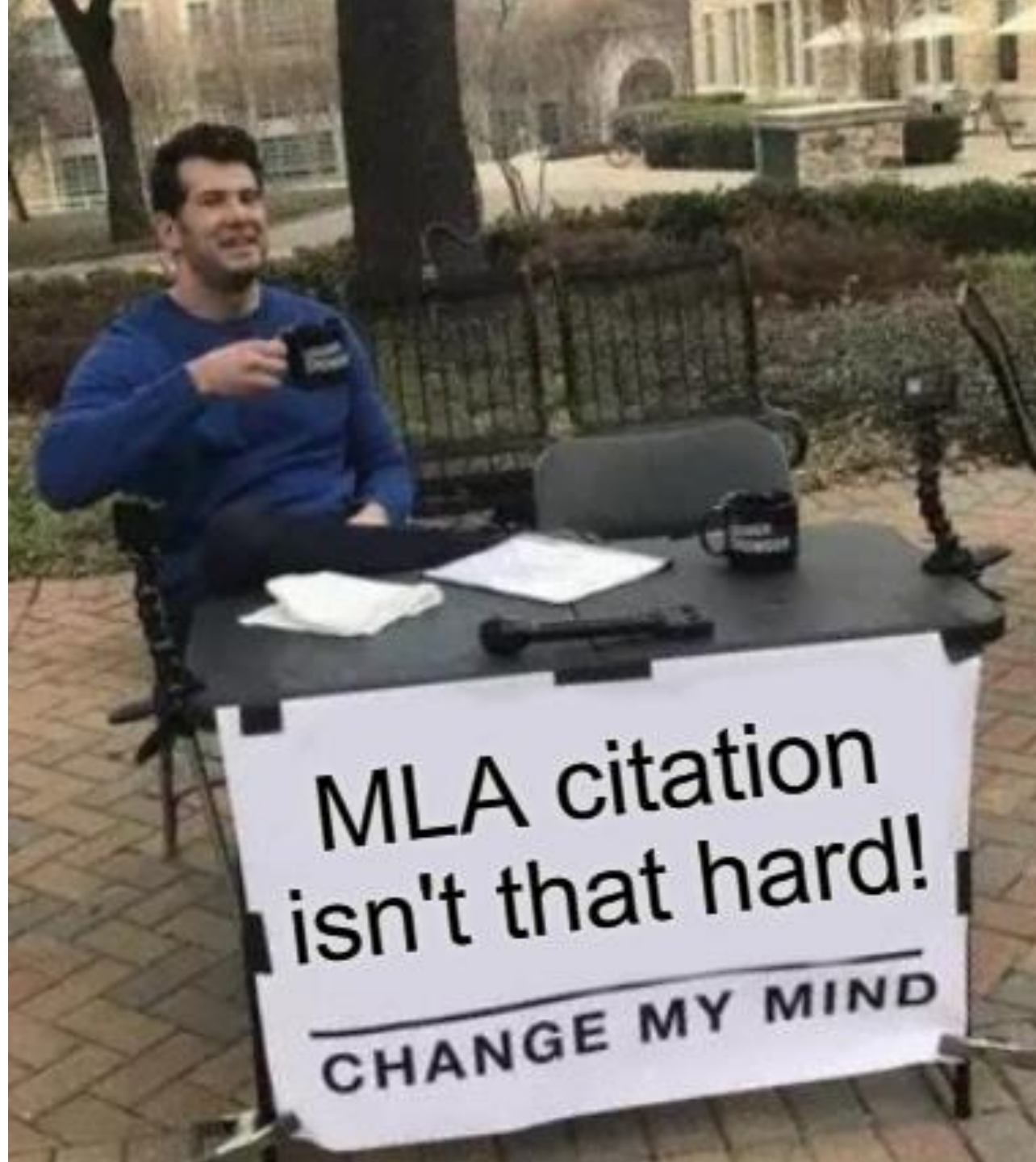


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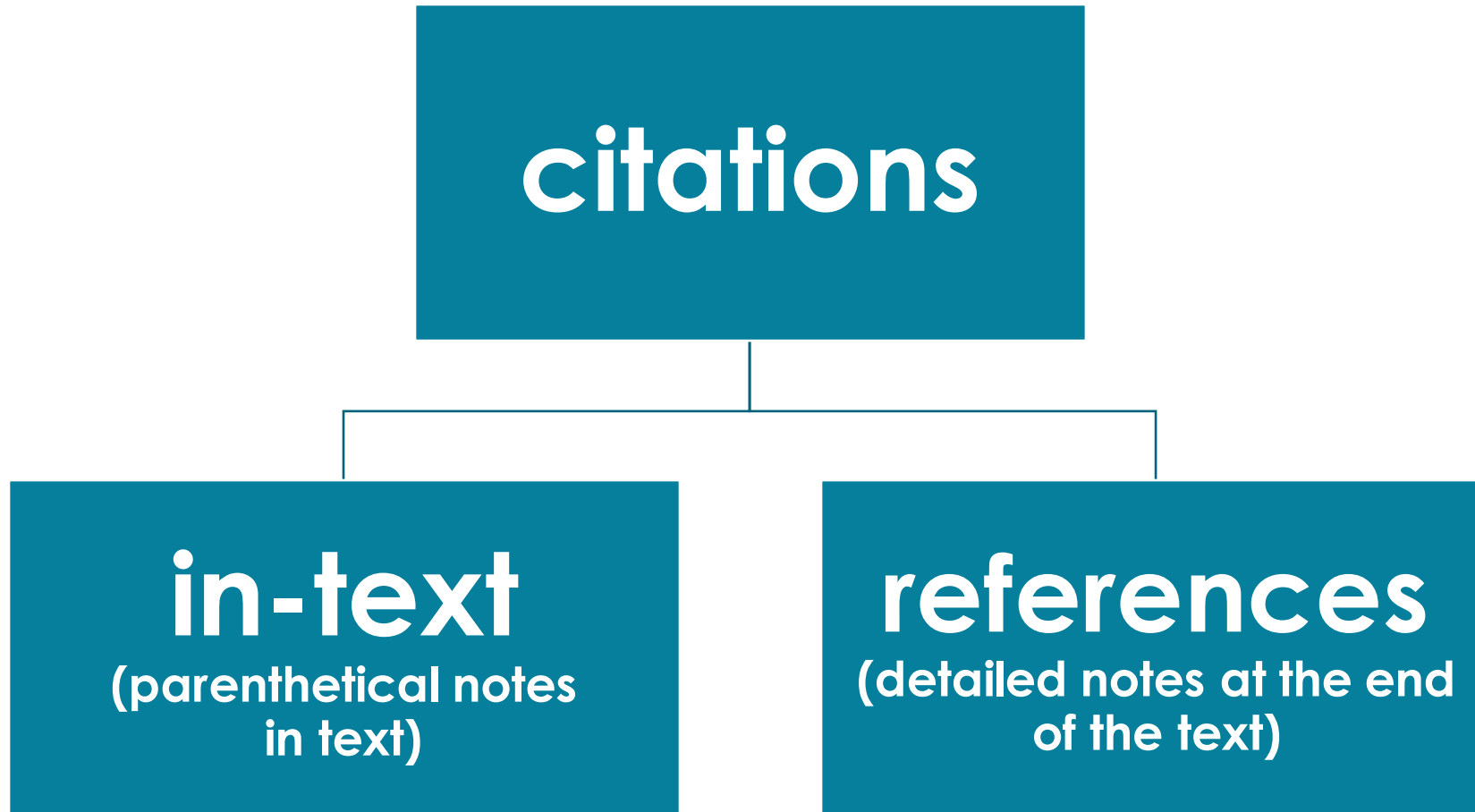
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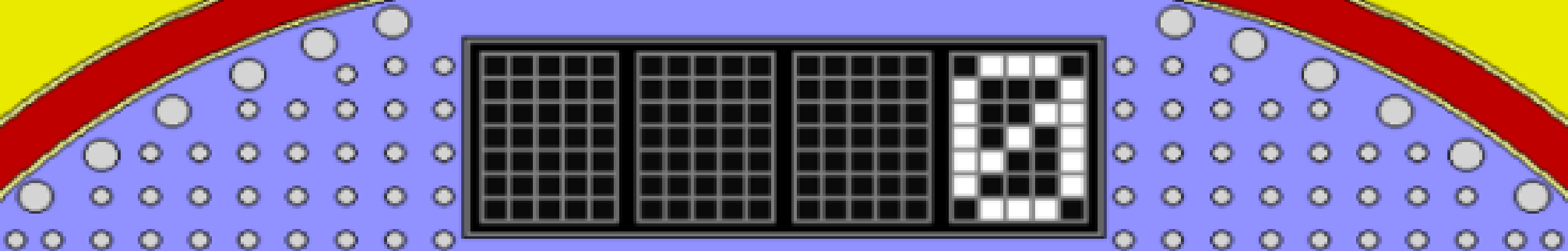
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- How do we cite using MLA style?



CITING & REFERENCING



**WHY
CITE?**



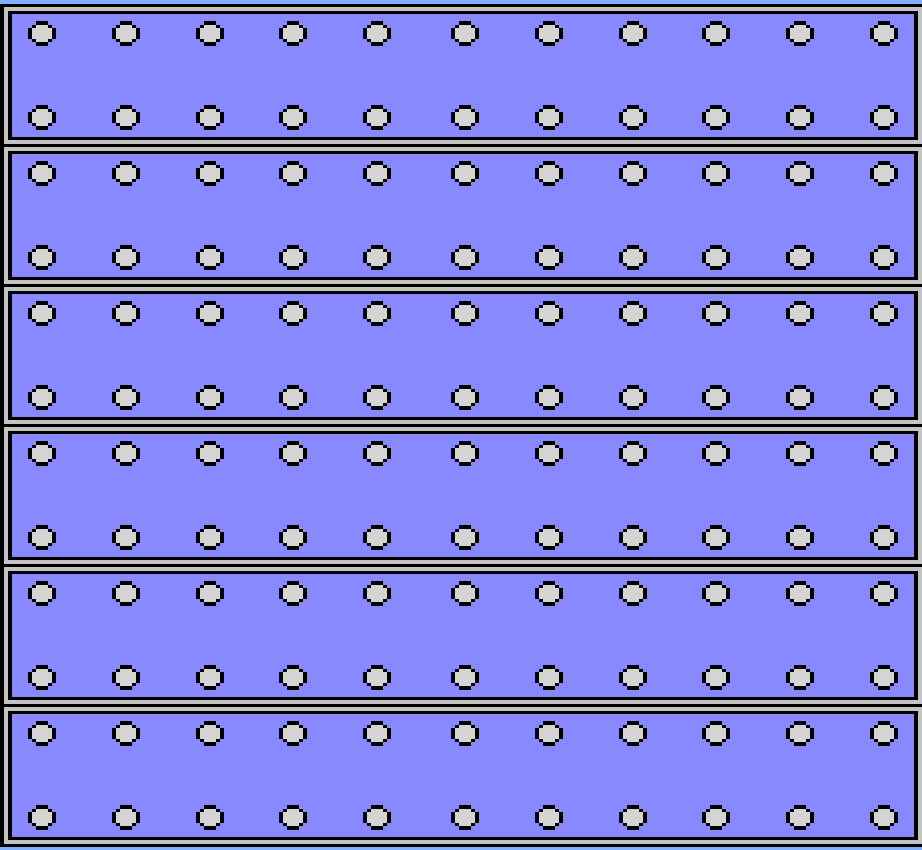
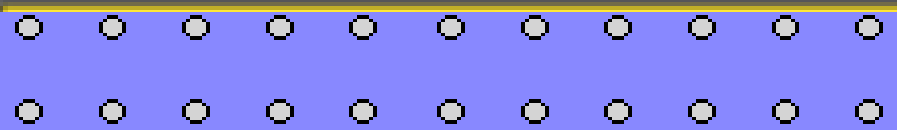
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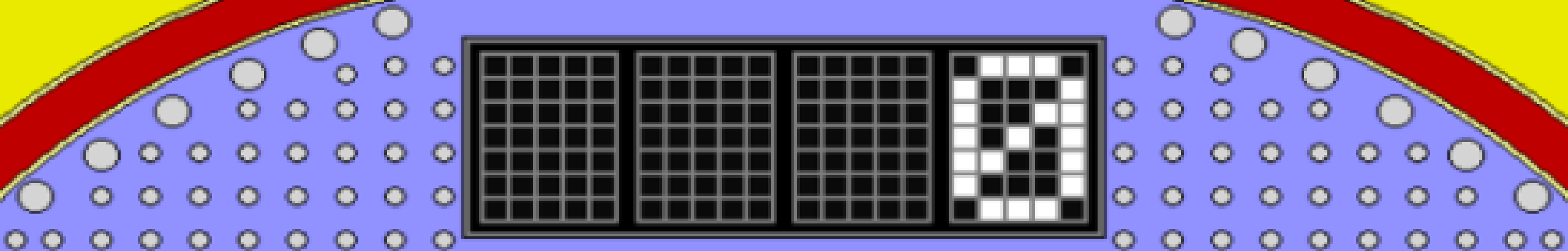
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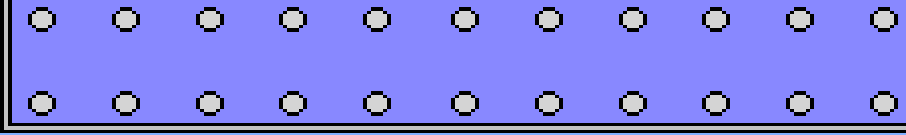
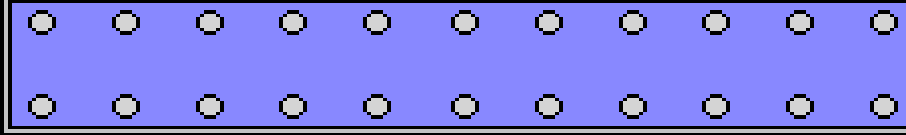
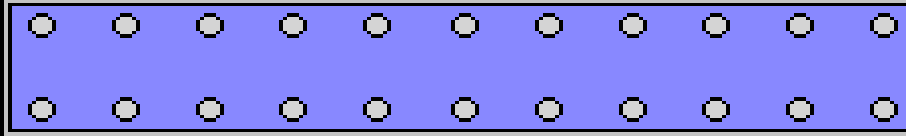
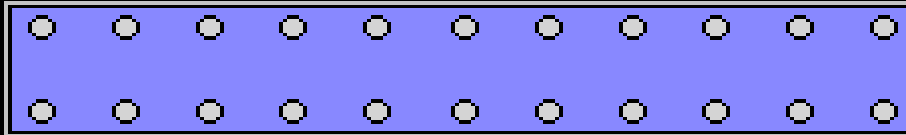
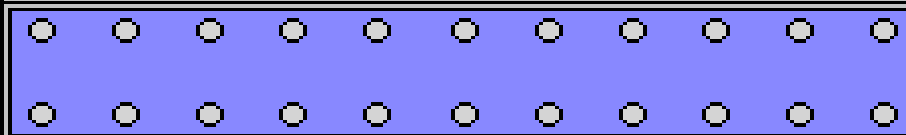
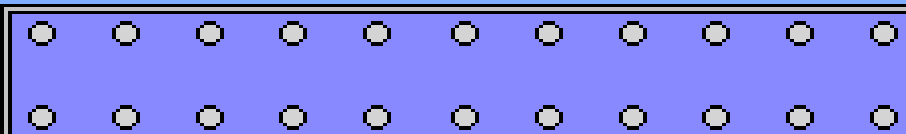
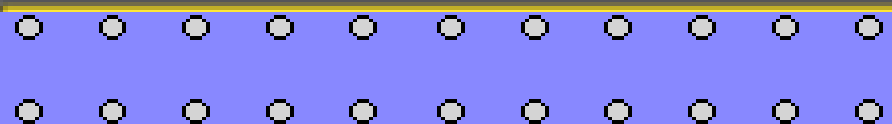
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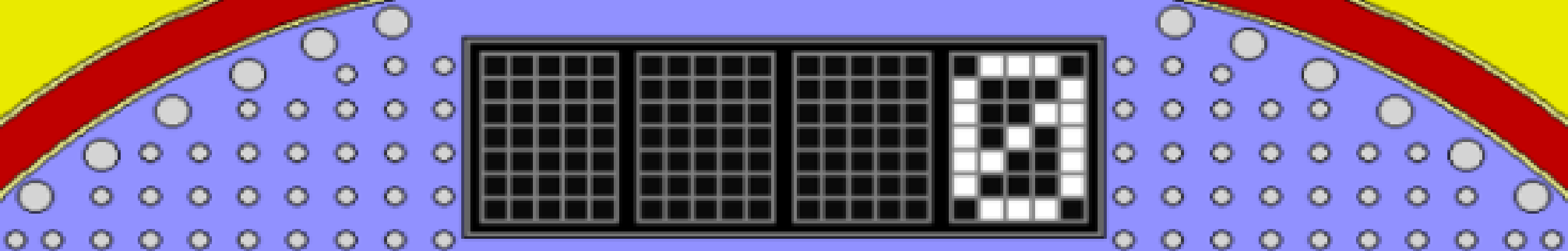
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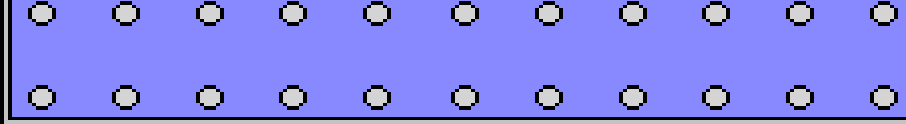
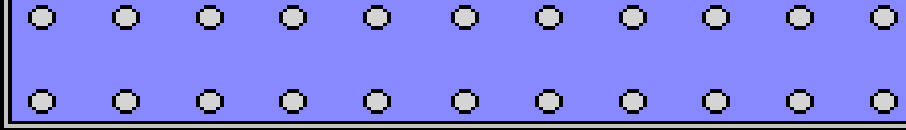
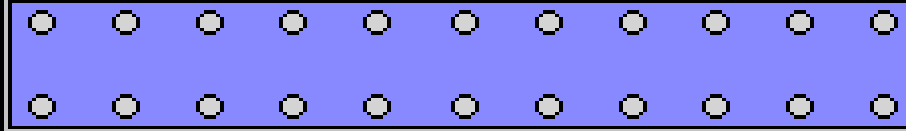
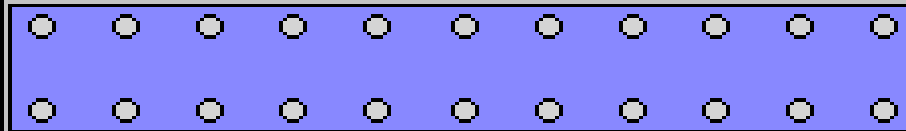
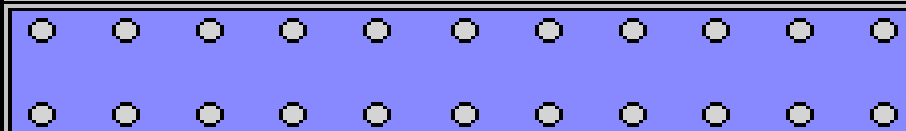
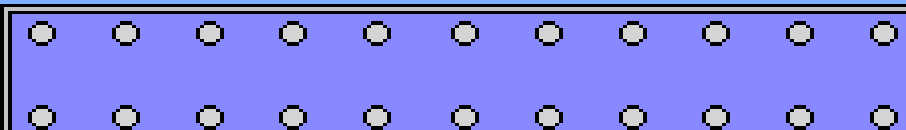
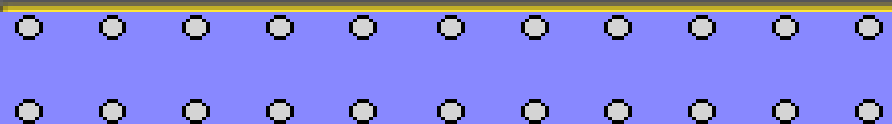
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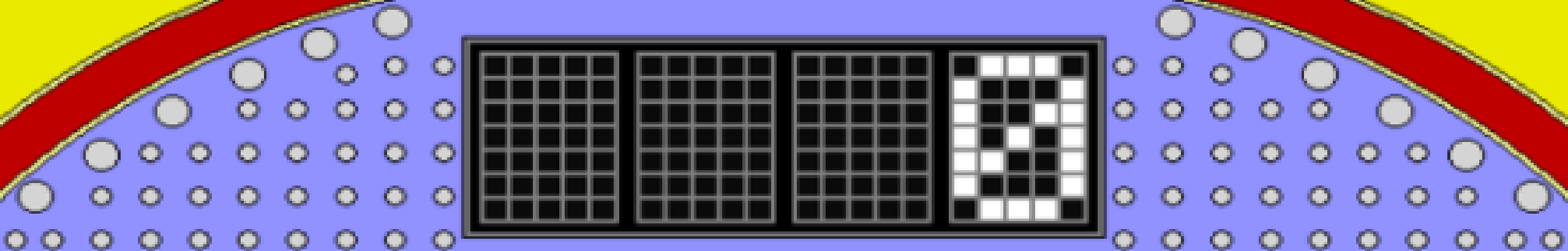
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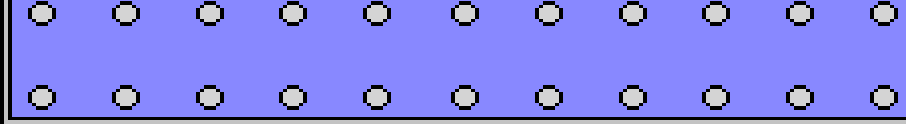
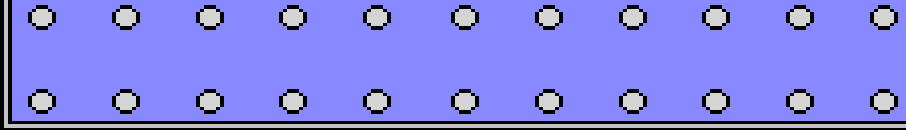
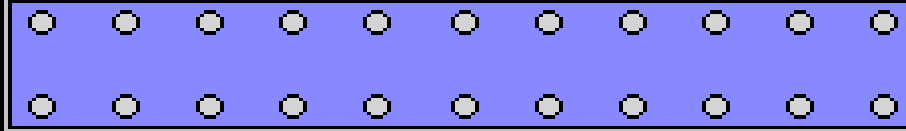
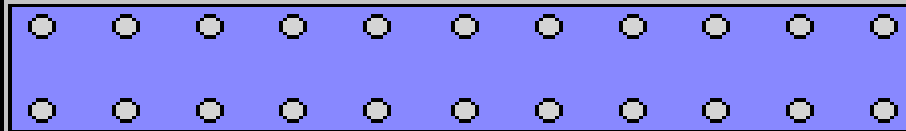
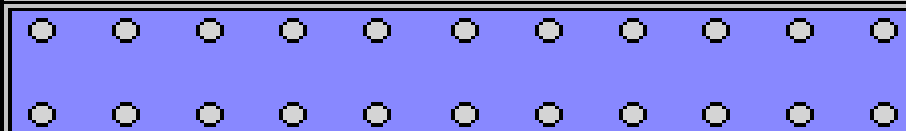
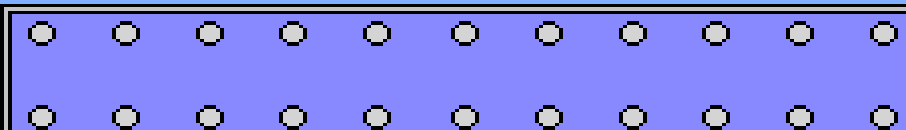
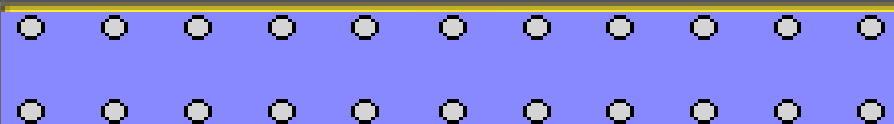
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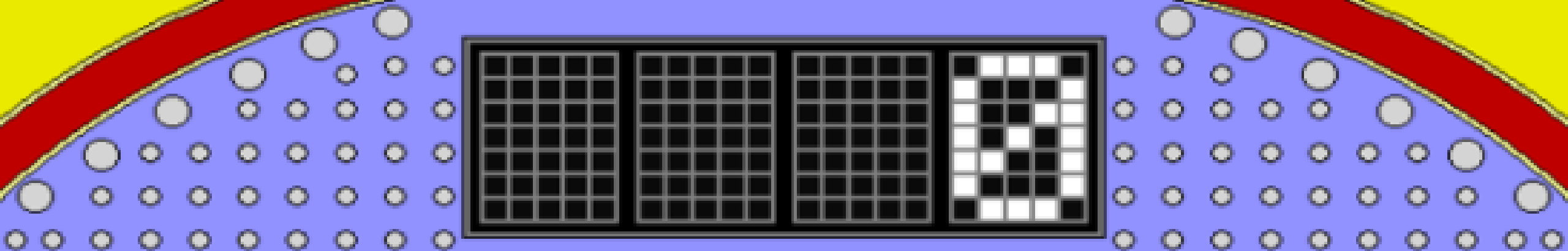
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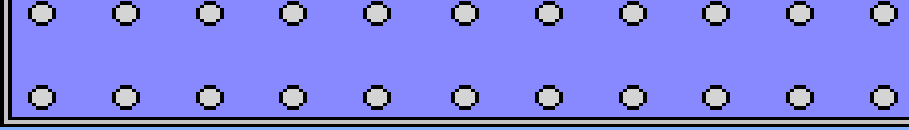
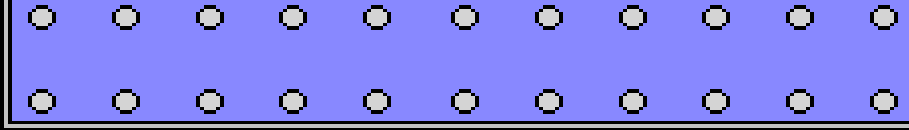
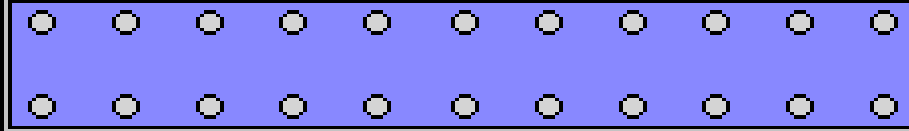
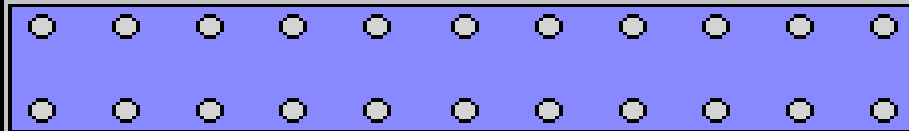
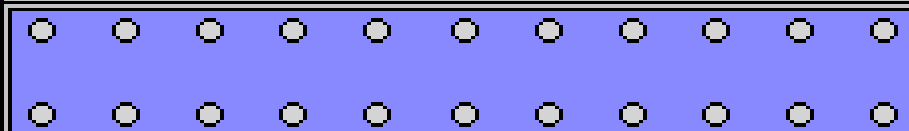
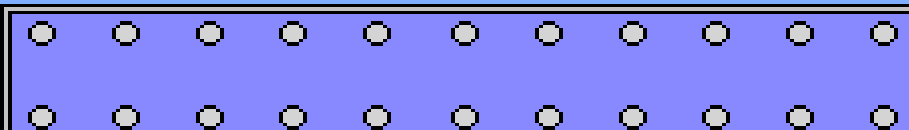
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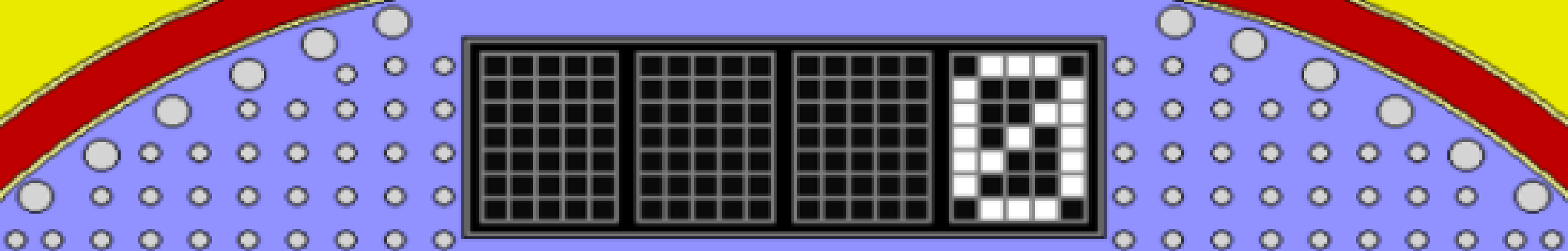
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Validate claims

Scholarly credibility





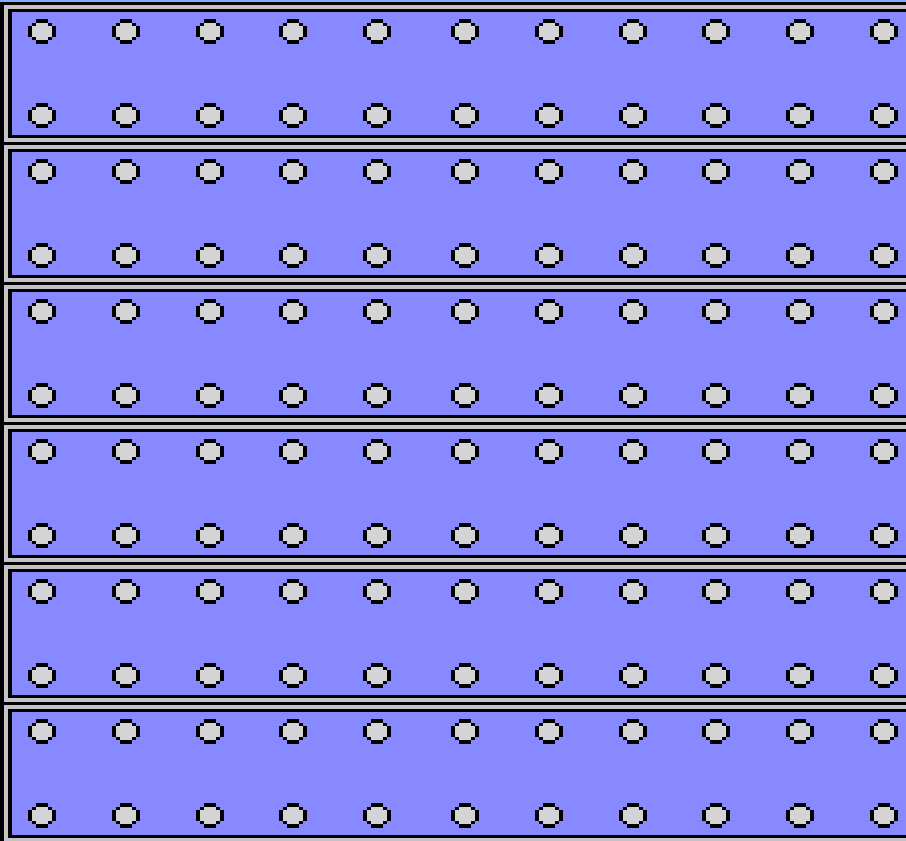
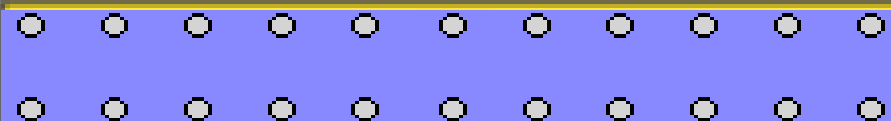
Avoid plagiarism

Give credit to others

Provide further reading

Validate claims

Scholarly credibility



**WHEN DO
WE CITE?**

A black and white photograph of a woman with long, dark hair and heavy makeup, including dark eye makeup and large earrings. She is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The image is used as a background for a meme.

IF YOU LIKED IT

THEN YOU SHOULD HAVE PUT A CITATION ON IT

**Whenever you present
an idea or make a
statement that
*depends on the work
of others.***

***If it doesn't originate in
your own head, it
probably needs a
citation!***



WHAT NEEDS A CITATION?

Direct quotations

Paraphrased passages

Summaries

DIRECT QUOTATIONS

- Use the author(s)' words
- Use quotation marks for three or more significant words... “just like this”
- Include author(s)' name(s), and page number (if required)
- Used when it is important *how* something is said, not just *what* is said



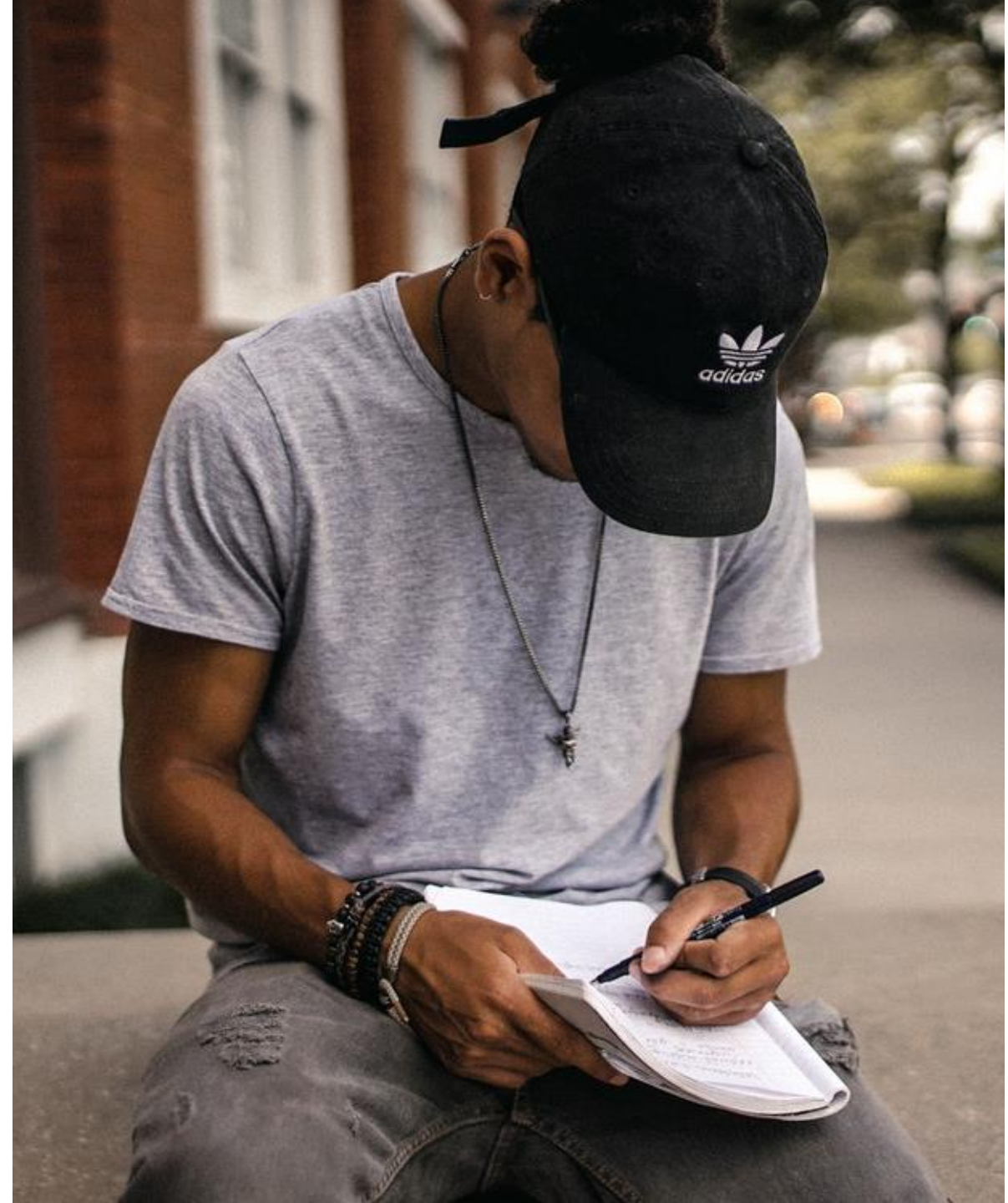
PARAPHRASING

- Use someone else's idea in your own words
- Include author(s)' name(s) and page number (when available)
- Helps create consistency & demonstrate your understanding



SUMMARY

- A short outline of key points or ideas
- Include author(s)' name(s) and page number (when available)
- Reduces word count while focusing on most relevant points



**WHAT DOESN'T
NEED A
CITATION?**

NEED TO CITE

- Uncommon facts
- Contested theories/facts
- Statistics
- Images, tables, or graphs
- Perspectives other than your own
- Specific words & phrases
- *Any original idea or research!*

DON'T NEED TO CITE

- Proverbs/expressions (ex. 'the early bird gets the worm')
- Common knowledge & opinions
 - Can be found in numerous sources & is not controversial
 - ex. New York City is in the state of New York
 - Can vary depending on discipline

**NOT SURE
IF YOU NEED
TO CITE?**

**CITE
ANYWAY!**



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IN-TEXT CITATIONS

DIRECT QUOTATION

AUTHOR NAMED IN TEXT

- Grande suggests that “there are no tears left to cry” (45).

AUTHOR NOT NAMED IN TEXT

- Evidence suggests that “there are no tears left to cry” (Grande 45).



PARAPHRASE

AUTHOR NAMED IN TEXT

- Holmes and Watson suggest that deductive reasoning can help solve crimes (26).

AUTHOR NOT NAMED IN TEXT

- Deductive reasoning can help solve crimes (Holmes and Watson 26).



ADDING COMMENTARY

To be clear on who said what, insert the citation where the source's information ends and your commentary begins:

- **Example:** One researcher argues that you should not hate the player but rather the game (Durant 133), which is practical advice.



**MULTIPLE
AUTHORS**

TWO

**THREE OR
MORE**

TWO AUTHORS

AUTHOR NAMED IN TEXT

- Grayson and Wayne argue that wearing spandex makes crime fighting easier (145).

AUTHORS NOT NAMED IN TEXT

- Penguins and cats can be devious (Grayson and Wayne 145).



THREE OR MORE AUTHORS

AUTHORS NAMED IN TEXT

- Harrison et al. argue that matching suits are a necessity for any band (13).

AUTHORS NOT NAMED IN TEXT

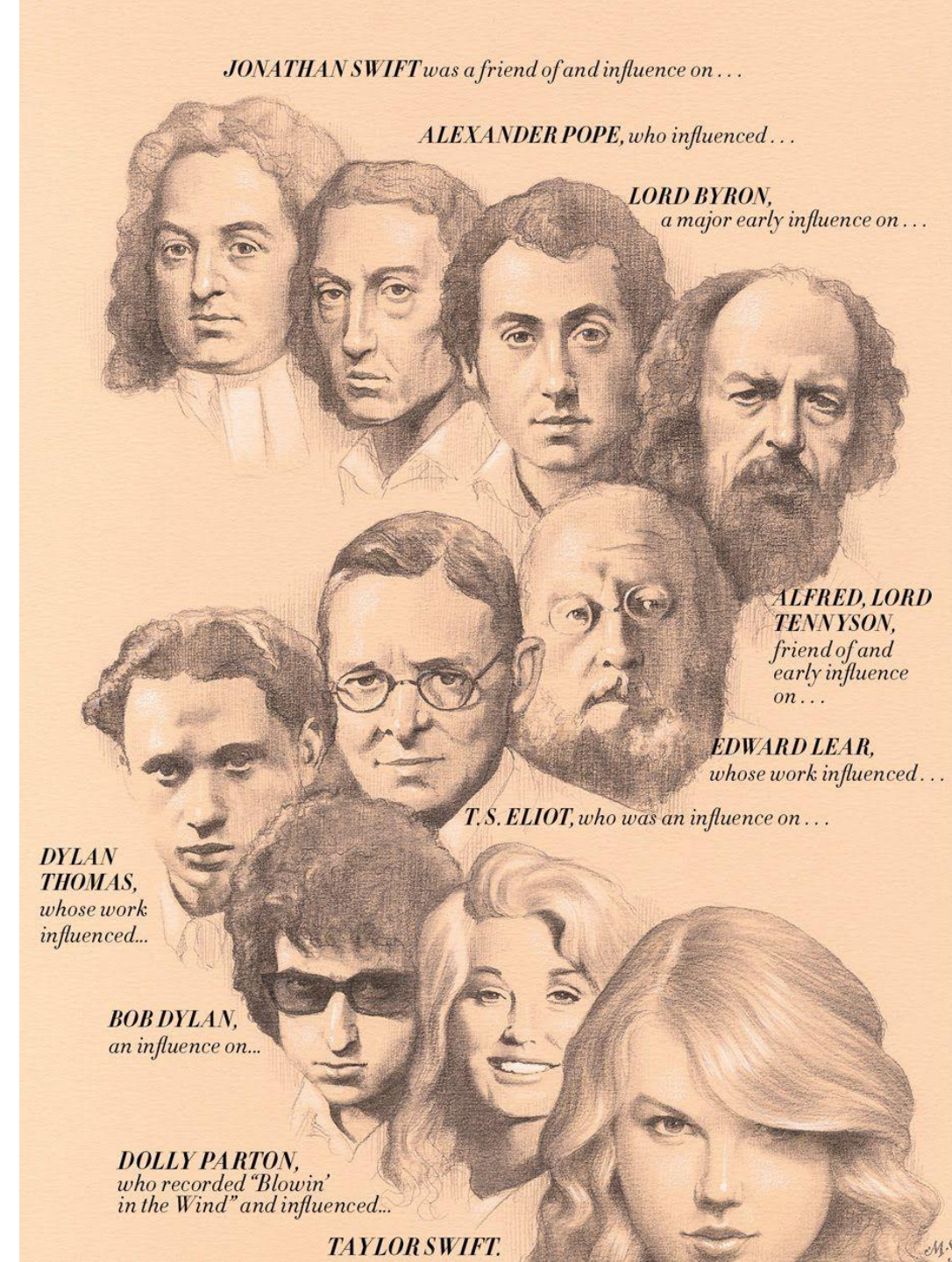
- Band members should also coordinate hair length (Harrison et al. 13).



AUTHORS WITH SAME LAST NAME

Use the first initial:

J. Swift describes women begging "for sustenance for their helpless infants" (67), but T. Swift suggests they should "shake it off" (10).



SAME AUTHOR, MULTIPLE WORKS

**Include a shortened title of
each work**

**Perry says she will
assert herself through
"roaring" ("Roar" 5).**

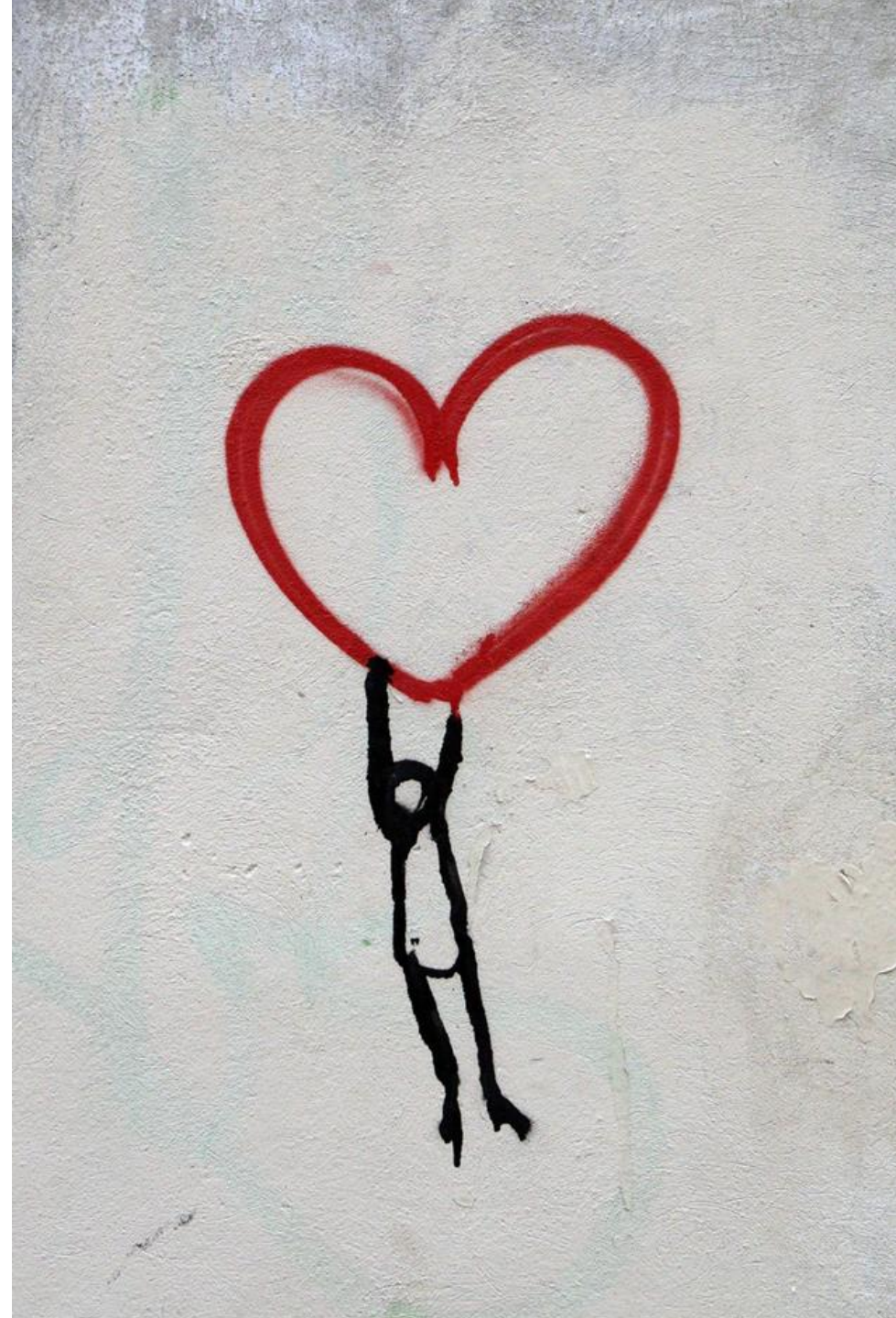
**The poet compares life
to a plastic bag "drifting
through the wind"
(Perry, "Firework" 1-2).**



MULTIPLE WORKS IN ONE CITATION

Separate with semicolons

According to several reports, love hurts (Everly and Everly 1; Nazareth 1; Orbison 1)



ANONYMOUS

If work is attributed to Anonymous, replace author's name with Anonymous.

King Arthur once met a giant green knight with a green horse (Anonymous 12)



NO AUTHOR

Substitute shortened title in place of author (using quotation marks for short works or italics for longer works):

Exercise can lead to delayed onset muscle soreness (“Workout” 24).



INDIRECT SOURCES

Cite the source *that you read!*

**According to Wayne,
it is always handy to
have green kryptonite
around (qtd. in Kent
45).**

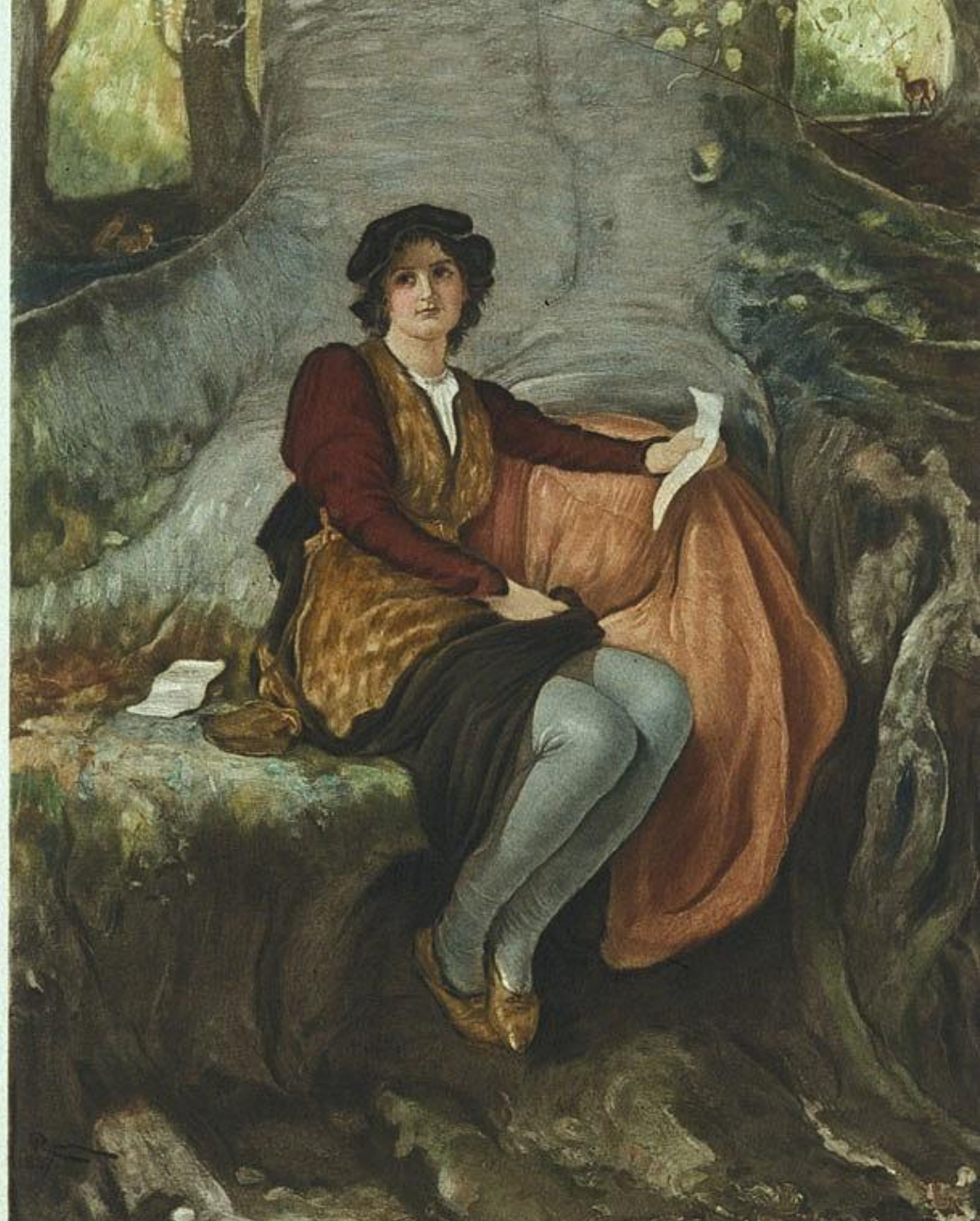
(In this case, the idea belongs to Wayne, but you read Kent's work, not Wayne's. You only need to cite Kent in your Works Cited.



PLAYS

Include act, scene, and line number as applicable.

In *As You Like It*, Rosalind states that "Beauty provoketh thieves sooner than gold" (Shakespeare 1.3.107).



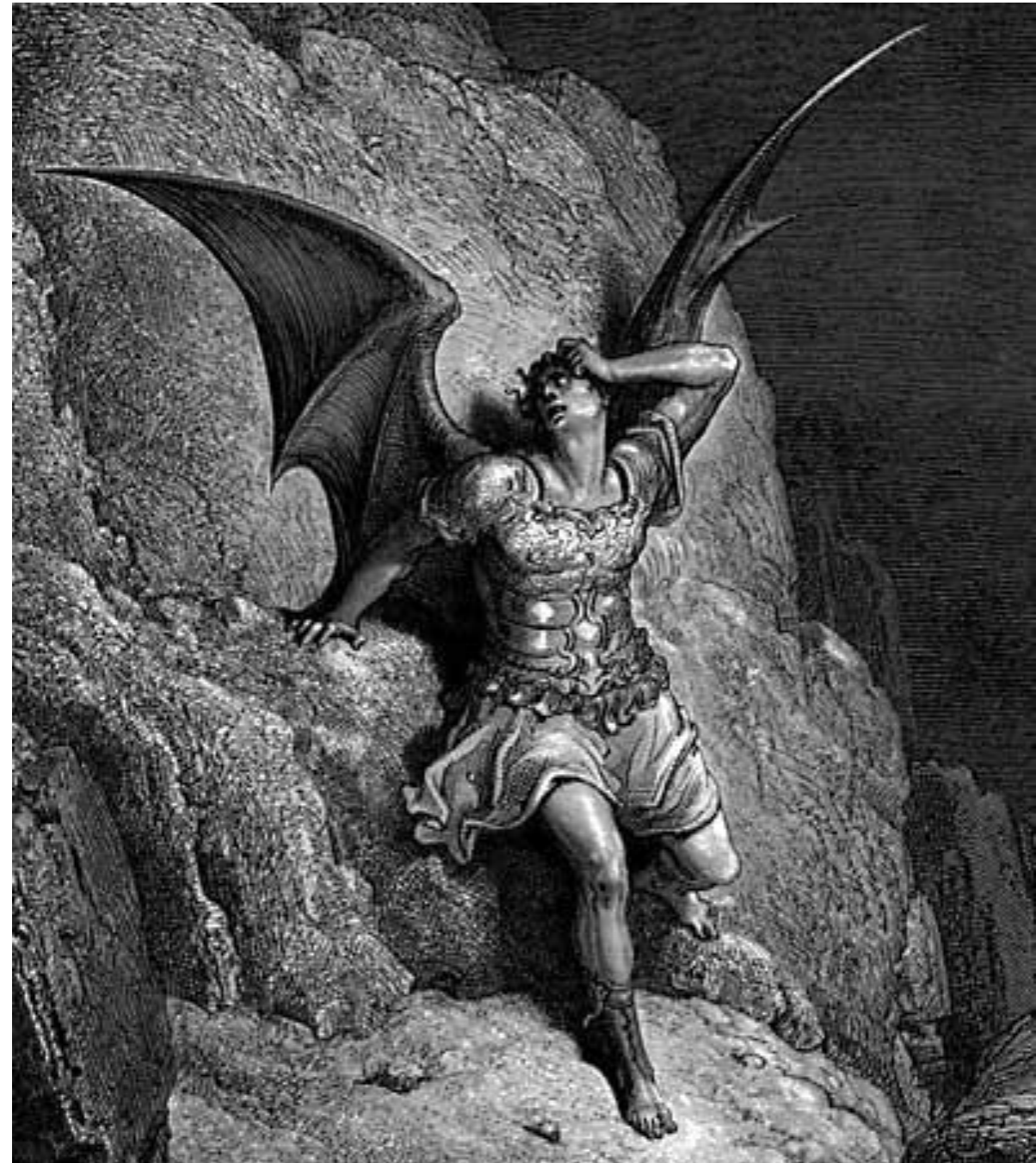
MULTIVOLUME WORKS OR LONG POEMS

Provide book or volume number, then page or line number as appropriate:

Satan suggests it is "better to reign in Hell than to serve in Heaven" (Milton 1.263).

For the Bible, cite version (first time, in *italics*), book (abbr.), chapter, and verse.

For multivolume works, cite vol & line (1: 14-17)



TIME-BASED MEDIA

Replace page numbers with
time stamps

Cabello left 50% of her
heart in Havana
(00:00:45-00:00:50).



ONLINE SOURCES WITHOUT PAGE NUMBERS

No page or paragraph number is required for unpaginated sources, such as web pages and news articles from the internet.



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REFERENCE LIST

REFERENCES: AUTHORS

ONE

TWO

THREE OR MORE

ONE AUTHOR

- Author's last name
- Comma
- Author's first name

Example

Morrison, Toni.

TWO AUTHORS

- List first author's last name, then first name
- Use 'and' between authors' names
- End with a period

Example

Garfunkel, Art
and Paul
Simon.

THREE OR MORE AUTHORS

- List the first author's name (last name first)
- Replace other authors' names with et al. (preceded by a comma)

Example

Marx, Groucho, et al.

SAME AUTHOR: MULTIPLE WORKS

- Use author's name for first reference
- Replace author's name with three dashes and a period subsequently ---.

Example

Minaj, Nicki.
"Anaconda."
---."Starships."

NO AUTHOR

- Begin works cited entry with the title of the work instead.

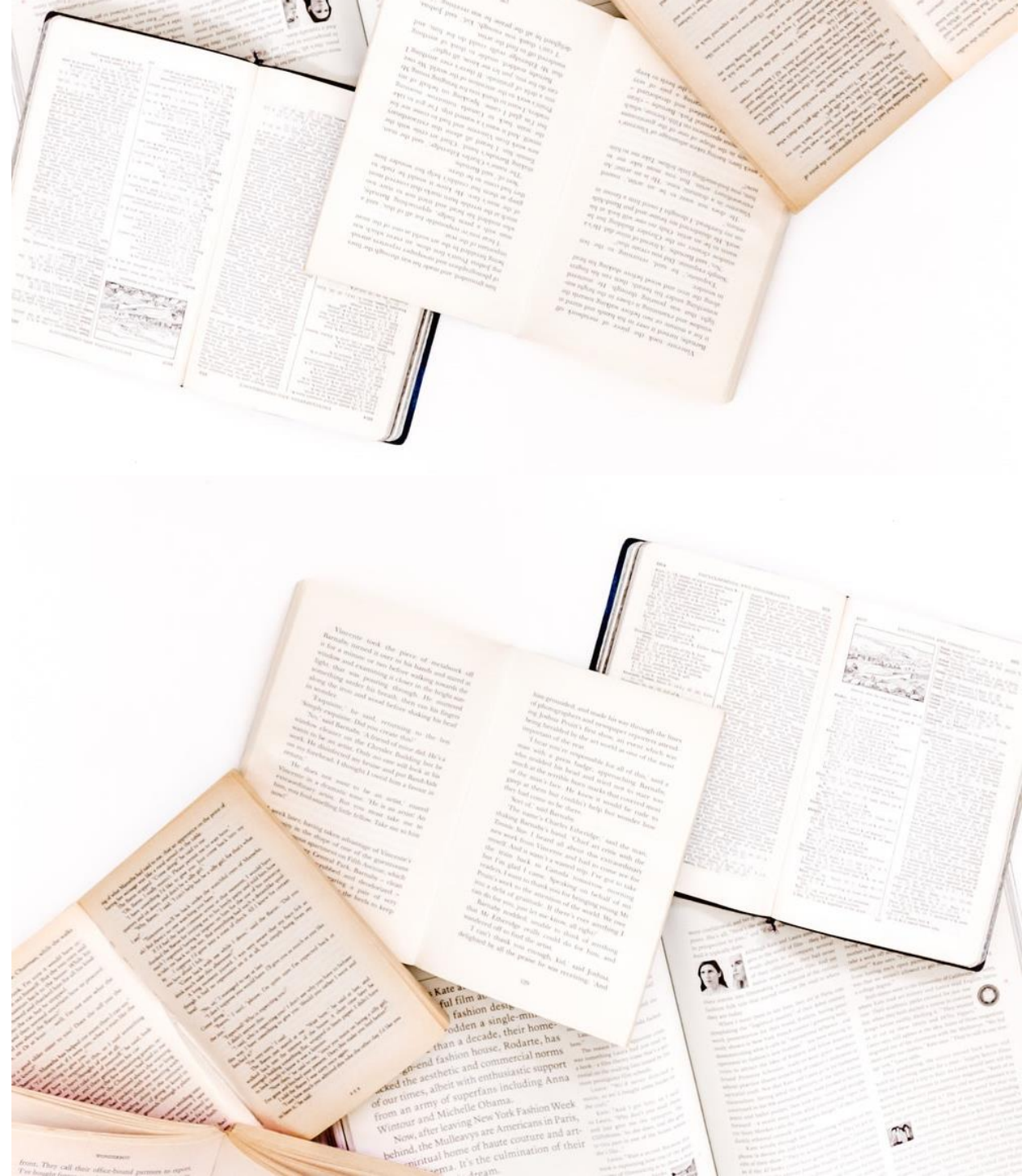
Example

Beowulf.

**REMEMBER TO ALPHABETIZE YOUR
WORKS CITED LIST BY AUTHOR
(OR TITLE IF NO AUTHOR IS LISTED)**

REFERENCE LIST CONSIDERATIONS

- What kind of source is it? Book? Website? Scholarly Article?
- Who wrote it? Is there an editor? A translator? An organization instead of an author?
- When was it published? Is there a year? A date? A volume or issue number?
- Is it an online source? Print? Part of a database?



EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald.

Note: The last name comes first, followed by the author's name and a period.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money."

Note: The title of the work is next, surrounded by quotation marks. Use title case (capitalize all the major words).

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money." *American Sociological Studies*,

Note: The title of the journal is next. Because it is a large work, it will be in italics, and all the major words will be capitalized. A comma will follow it to introduce the volume and issue number.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money." *American Sociological Studies*, vol. 7, no. 12,

Note: The volume number and issue numbers follow, separated by commas.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money." *American Sociological Studies*, vol. 7, no. 12, 2018, pp. 60-66,

Note: The year of publication and the page range of the article will follow, followed by a comma.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

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Note: Finally, the letters 'doi', which stand for 'digital object identifier,' will follow. They will be in lowercase letters and will be followed by a colon and then the doi number and a period.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money." *American Sociological Studies*, vol. 7, no. 12, 2018, pp. 60-66, www.fakewebsite.com/fake.

Note: If no doi is available, use the web URL without the http:// part.

EXAMPLE: ONLINE JOURNAL

Glover, Donald. "This is America: We Just Want the Money." *American Sociological Studies*, vol. 7, no. 12, 2018, pp. 60-66, www.fakewebsite.com/fake. Accessed 25 May 2019.

Note: MLA suggests adding an accession date at the end of online entries.

EXAMPLE: CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Markle, Meghan. "Royal Baby Names."

Note: The chapter from a book will start the same way as an article from a journal.

EXAMPLE: CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Markle, Meghan. "Royal Baby Names." *Incredibly Public Pregnancies*.

Note: The title of the book will follow. As it is a long work, it will be in italics.

EXAMPLE: CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Markle, Meghan. "Royal Baby Names." *Incredibly Public Pregnancies*, edited by Kate Middleton,

Note: The editor of the book follows, followed by a comma.

EXAMPLE: CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Markle, Meghan. "Royal Baby Names." *Incredibly Public Pregnancies*, edited by Kate Middleton, Royal Books, 2018,

Note: The publisher and date come next, separated by commas.

EXAMPLE: CHAPTER IN A BOOK

Markle, Meghan. "Royal Baby Names." *Incredibly Public Pregnancies*, edited by Kate Middleton, Royal Books, 2018, pp. 23-30.

Note: The page range closes out the entry.

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HANGING LINE

The first line of each reference stays on the left margin. Each subsequent line is tabbed over. This is called a hanging indent.

Simply hitting the tab key will not achieve this effect. You can use Ctrl+tab, but this does not work in Google docs/web-based software.

Instead, highlight the entire reference page, right click, and select 'Paragraph'.

Then, under the 'Indentation' subheading, open the 'Special' dropdown, select 'hanging' and hit 'OK.'

BEWARE OF CITATION GENERATORS!

- Many students use citation generators such as:
 - Citation Machine
 - BibMe
 - EasyBib, etc.
- However, this technology is NOT foolproof, and OFTEN results in improper citations!
- You still need to know how to reference your sources properly. The best way is to check the style guide or *The Purdue OWL*.

Bottom Line: Know how to cite properly so you don't end up with unnecessary mistakes in your reference list!

QUESTIONS?

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