**Citing Sources**

**What does it mean to cite a source?**

* An **in-text citation** is a note in an essay that tells the reader where a piece of information or an idea came from.
* Citations always appear in (parentheses).
* At the end of an essay, a writer includes a **list of works cited** that gives details about all the in-text citations.

**Why do writers cite sources?**

* To avoid plagiarism--the practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own.
* To prove that the evidence is real and credible.
* To inform the reader about where to find more information on the topic.

**What gets cited?**

* Quoted information from a secondary source.
* Paraphrased information from a secondary source.
* Information obtained in an interview.
* Any idea that is not your own.

**How do you cite a source?**

* Insert the in-text citation before the period at the end of the sentence in which the quotation or paraphrase appears.
* For any in-text citation, include the first item that appears in the works cited entry that corresponds to the citation (e.g. author name, article name, website name).
* See the list below for examples concerning different types of sources.

***Articles and Essays***

Include the following information in the works cited entry in this order:

* Article's author
* Title of the article in quotations marks
* Magazine or newspaper’s title in italics
* Date of publication
* Page number
* Medium

*In-Text Citation*

A new study has revealed that eating school lunches is a contributor to childhood obesity (Melnick, 28).

*Works Cited Entry*

Melnick, Meredith. “Is School Lunch Making Your Kids Fat?” *Time Magazine*. 7 Feb 2011: 28. Print.