

Biography in Context

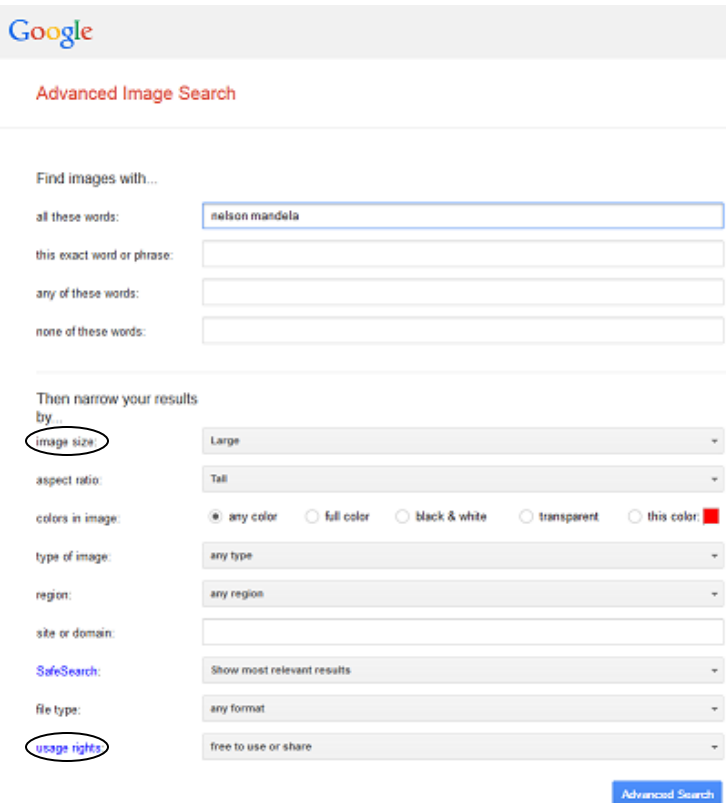
Biography in Context has a variety of sources such as magazines and newspapers, but the **reference** sources should be of the most use.

Citation: Copy the MLA citation at the end of the article or use *Citation Tools*. Do NOT include the URL. Check for accuracy against the *database* citation format given in this handout.



Biography is a popular but reliable source for biographical information, though the articles sometimes lack the detail that may be necessary for this project.

Citation: Use the *website* format given in this handout.



Google Advanced Image

Google Advanced Image Search enables you to search for images by size and usage rights. You should search for *large* images, with *free to use or share* rights.

Citation: Use the *image* format given in this handout.

1. Copy and paste image to a word document

2. Click  to collect information for your citation.

SHS Library Website

<http://www.spackenkillschools.org/shs/library>
 These resources are linked at the *Assignment Resources*, *Art* section of the *SHS Library Website*.

SHS Library Website Databases

Home access— Use handout from class. Pick up a full list of database passwords at the library desk.

Citation Formats

An article accessed through a database:

Basic rule: article citation. *Database/Website*. Web. Day Month Year accessed.

Korieh, Chima. "Nelson Mandela." *Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450*. Ed. Thomas Benjamin.

Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2007. *Biography in Context*. Web. 7 Jan. 2014.

"Put a Feral Cat to Work." *Horse & Rider* Feb. 2013: 22. *Student Resources in Context*. Web. 11 Jun. 2013.

A page on a Website:

Last , First M if available. "Article/webpage Title." Website Title. Publisher/sponsor or N.p., Day Month Year published or n.d. Web. Day Month Year of access.

"Nelson Mandela biography." *Bio.com*. A+E Television Networks, LCC, 2013. Web. 8 Jan. 2014.

Paramaguru, Kharunya. "The Biggest Threat to U.S. Wildlife? Cats." *Time Newsfeed*. Time, Inc., 31 Jan. 2013. Web. 19 Mar. 2013.

Images from websites:

Last, First M or user id. "Title of the work if none give short description." Medium. Title of website. Publisher/sponsor or N.p., Day Month Year posted or n.d. Web. Day Month Year of access.

Nunnally, Robert. "Eastern Bluebird." Photograph. *Flickr*. Yahoo, 10 Oct. 2012. Web. 29 Oct. 2012.

Marquardt, Rob. "A Tabby Maine Coon Cat." Photograph. *Wikimedia Commons*. Wikimedia, 4 Jan. 2009. Web. 4 Nov. 2013.

Notes on citing electronic sources:

- A **webpage** is the single screen you are looking at.
- A **website** is a collection of **webpages**. Click the home link, website title, or remove end of URL to see **website** information.
- The publisher of a website can usually be found near the copyright symbol © at the end/bottom of the webpage.
- If there is no date near the top of the webpage, check the end/bottom for date of last revision. If that is not found, use the copyright year near the copyright symbol ©.
- Often the website name and website producer/publisher are the same.
- If there is no publisher or sponsor of the site listed, use **N.p.**
- If there is no date of publication, use **n.d.**
- Omit any other information that is not available, for example often websites list no author.
- When citing resources other than text, a descriptor will be needed (e.g. Map, Chart, Photo, etc.). Place this after the title.

Website Evaluation

<p>Authority Is it clear who authored the website? Who? What education or experience do they have in the area?</p> <p>Bias Is the author try to push a particular point of view? What? Can you trust the author to give a balanced argument? Why?</p> <p>Coverage Is the information on the website complete? Is the information new enough for your purposes? Why?</p>		Website:
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Works Cited [Sample]

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Formatting:

- **Double spaced, Times New Roman font, 12 point**
- **Alphabetical order** by the first word in the citation.
- **Indent** every line except the first– Hanging indent
- Leave out words such as **publishers, house, books, press** in publisher names, except for college or university presses.

SHS Library Website– Citations

<http://www.spackenkillschools.org/shs/library/citations>
Click the *Citation* (pink box) on the rights side of any page in the SHS Library Website

Notes/Textual Evidence

In research, whenever we make a claim, we must back it up with evidence from reliable sources. This is called providing **textual evidence**. For this project, you must find *specific passages* from your sources that prove your hero has the character traits you claim they do. In addition you must provide your own insight, *in your own voice*, why these passages prove your point. This is called **synthesis**. Using this method of joining textual evidence and synthesis provides the basic building blocks of all research projects, large and small.

Hero Name: _____

Character trait:	
Why trait is heroic:	
Textual Evidence:	
Synthesis:	
Source:	
Character trait:	
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