



KCS Research Continuum

To be adhered to across all subjects areas

Grade 8:

Students will learn to use a "Source Page" of resources used.

This means that they MUST properly use quote marks to show what they are "taking" and refer to the author or source within the sentence.

They should copy the link (or use the book title and author name) to a separate page to be submitted at the back of their research project.

**Note: teachers should emphasize selecting key sentences to use to support the student's own opinion - not copy and paste a whole paragraph to put in quote marks.*

Grade 9:

Students must be able to use direct quotations and make in-text citations.

APA Style *for all classes* so that students can become comfortable with one system.

In-text citation should include reference to either the author or source AND the page number and could look like this:

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

OR

Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

OR

Wordsworth extensively explored the role of emotion in the creative process (263).

Note: A "5" would mean the student could confidently and fluidly incorporate the quote (using any of the above three examples) with proper punctuation and referencing on a consistent basis.

Students in Grade 9 should work to develop a proper Works Cited Page.

**Note: teachers should emphasize selecting key sentences to use to support the student's own opinion - not copy and paste a whole paragraph to put in quote marks.*

Grade 10:

Students must be able to use APA or MLA formatting.

For each research project, they should use a minimum of *three sources and three quotes* to support their work.

Students MUST include a proper work cited/source page for the style used.

*Proper punctuation of quotes and references, as well as their work cited/resource page is required for complete marks.

Grade 11:

Students must be able to use APA or MLA formatting.

For each research project/essay, they should use a minimum of *four sources and three quotes* to support their work. Students should be striving to paraphrase a source at least *once* within their paper.

Their assignment MUST include a proper work cited/source page for the style used.

*Proper punctuation of quotes and references, as well as their work cited/resource page is required for complete marks.

Grade 12:

Students must be able to use APA, MLA, or Chicago formatting.

For each research project/essay, they should use a minimum of *four to five sources and four quotes* to support their work. Students should be striving to paraphrase a source at least *two* sources within their paper.

Their assignment must include a proper work cited/source page for the style used.

*Proper punctuation of quotes and references, as well as their work cited/resource page is required for complete marks.