

Graphic Organizer: English III: Module 2: Lesson 4: Section (:

Citing Material Correctly: "MLA, Anyone?"

Directions: Read the following summary. After reading the summary, answer the questions in the boxes, and then mouse over the buttons to compare your responses. When you are finished with this exercise, go to the second exercise on page two.

The Source Material:

"Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King Jr.

From page 270: [The] great stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens' "Counciler" or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate who is more devoted to "order" than to justice: who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action."

From page 271: In your statement you [the Birmingham ministers to whom the letter was addressed] asserted that our actions, even though peaceful, must be condemned because they precipitate violence. But can this assertion be logically made? Isn't this like condemning the robbed man because his possession of money precipitated the evil act of robbery?

The Summary:

King is frustrated with people who say his goals are good, but that the way he is going about achieving them is making things worse by causing people to be violent (270–71). King responds that this is like blaming a man who gets robbed for having the money that makes someone else want to commit "the evil act of robbery" (271).

At the End of the Paper:

Work Cited

King, Martin Luther, Jr. "Letter from Birmingham Jail." 1963. *The Best American Essays of the Century*. Ed. Joyce Carol Oates. Boston: Houghton, 2000. 261–279.

1. Why does the first parenthetical citation refer to two pages?

Mouse over for a comparison response.

2. Do the periods come before the parenthetical citations or after them?

Mouse over for a comparison response.

3. Why are there no quotation marks used in the first sentence?

Mouse over for a comparison response.

4. Why is there no "p." or "page" before the page number?

Mouse over for a comparison response.

5. How does a reader know who the author of the idea or words is?

Mouse over for a comparison response.

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Citing Material Correctly: Try It Out Worksheet 2

Directions: Write a summary of the idea expressed by the passages below. Use a parenthetical citation to indicate which page an idea came from. Use at least one phrase that is a direct quotation. Add a “Work Cited” entry as it would appear at the end of your paper. When you’re finished, mouse over the indicated box to compare your responses.

The Source Material:

“Letter from Birmingham Jail” by Martin Luther King Jr.

From page 266:

Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored.

From page 267:

We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.

Write a summary of the source material here.

The Summary:

Add a “Work Cited” entry for the source material here.

At the End of the Paper:

Mouse over for a comparison response.

Mouse over for a comparison response.