

Research it ! Write it ! Cite it !

**Your opinion matters...
BUT you have to BACK it up !!**

Opinion/persuasive essay about...

Exotic Pets

(This is just an example)

**Decide what your opinion is and
state it clearly.**

**“I believe that people should be allowed to keep
exotic animals as pets”**

or

**“I do not believe that people should be allowed
to keep exotic animals as pets”**

Explain why you have that opinion.

I believe that exotic animals could be kept as pets **because...**

or

I do not think that people should have exotic pets **because...**

“Because I like animals”. THAT IS NOT A REASON !

You must be able to explain and give examples.

One reason that I believe an exotic animal is a good pet is...

An example of this situation occurred in ...

THIS is when you refer to a source that you found while doing your research. -

HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT IT ?

Was it a website, a newspaper ?

You must tell the reader **where you got this example from !**

It didn't just pop in your head !

You found the article on a website, a newspaper, a magazine - etc.

Even if I use a definition, I MUST tell where the definition came from. I did not just wake up this morning knowing the definition !!

According to the Humane Society, an exotic pet is defined as...

So...if I got the definition from the Calgary Humane Society Website :

According to the humane society, an exotic pet is defined as any animal that is not native to the United States, and is not usually domesticated, such as dogs or cats.

(Calgary Humane)

*You must put the **FIRST PART** of the CITATION right after the info in PARENTHESES*

SO WHERE DO I FIND INFO ?

GOOD SOURCES

1. Wiseowl ★★★★★
2. Interviews ★★
3. Fact Monster ★★
4. .org Websites ★
5. .edu Websites ★
6. Newspapers★

BAD SOURCES

1. A quote from your best friend
2. Facebook/Twitter/etc
3. Wikipedia
4. Websites selling something (most .coms, but not all)

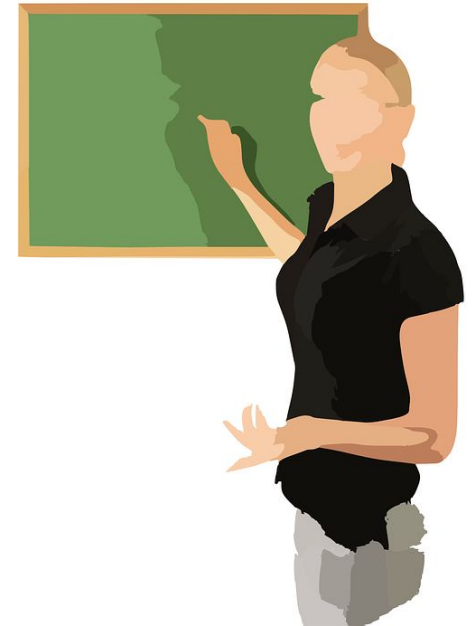
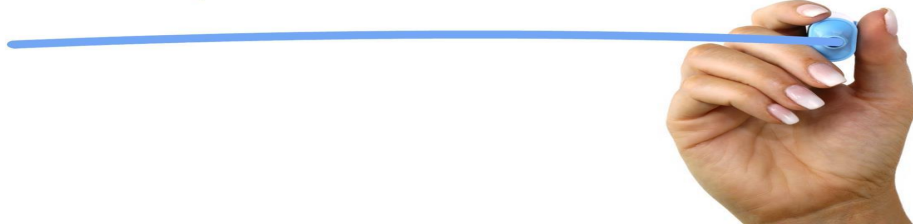
Keep your search specific -

Too many results in search	Animals	Fashion
Still too many results	Pets	Women's Fashion
A little Better	Exotic Pets	Compare Women's Fashions in the 1950's to now.
Much Better	Reasons to keep exotic pets	How teenage girl fashions have changed from the 50s to now.
Too narrow - hard to find enough info.	Reasons to keep an exotic chinchilla	How women's socks have changed

FAKE NEWS IS NOT NEWS AT ALL !

**Get your info from a reliable source -
teacher/school approved !!**

FAKE NEWS



- Highland Middle School homepage
- Students



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wiseowl18**

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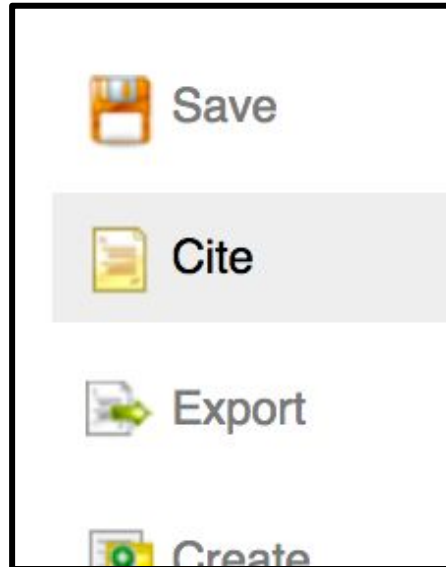
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When you use **NCWISEOWL,**

Citation maker is **RIGHT THERE !!** In the box at the top of the article, click the square with the ✓, choose MLA and then **COPY AND PASTE** the citation.



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