For more information about using MLA style, creating citations or organizing your research:

Consult the *MLA Handbook 8th Edition*-available in the school library

Or these websites:

- Purdue Online Writing Lab
- Easybib
- Noodletools

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