# Guide to Citations

For National History Day, you will use **MLA** or **Chicago (Turabian)** style citations for your annotated bibliography. There are many resources available for finding the correct format for each of these styles.

- Details on style types: **MLA** or **Chicago/Turabian**
- There are several online citation makers as well, including: **Easybib**, **Citation Machine**, **Scribbr**
  - If using an online citation generator, you will still need to double check your work and add an annotation describing what the source is and how you used it.

## MLA Style Basics

**What information do you need from your source to create your citation?**

- **Author(s)-Last, First**
- **Title of Source-Italicized and Capitalized**
- **Container-is your source inside of another source?**
- **Contributor- editor, illustrator, translator**
- **Version or Edition**
- **Number-volume or edition**
- **Publisher**
- **Date Published**
- **Location-page numbers, URL, physical location**

**Key:**
- Green = Must be in ALL citations
- Yellow = Could be in a citation depending on the source
- Purple = Correct Punctuation for your citation

**What does the citation look like?**

Author Last Name, First Name. Title of the Book. Container Title, Contributor Last Name, First Name. Version or Edition, Number-volume or edition. Publisher. Date Published. Location.

**Examples:**

- **Book:**

- **Website:**

- **Newspaper Article:**

**Note:** Three or more authors, editors, etc? List the first author (Last Name, First Name) and then et.al.

## Chicago/Turabian Style Basics

**What information do you need from your source to create your citation?**

- **Author(s)-Last, First**
- **Title-**
  - Book Title Italicized
  - “Journal, article, etc. in quotation marks.”
- **Place of publication**
- **Publisher**
- **Date Published**
- **Location-page numbers, URL, physical location**

**Key:**
- Green = Must be in ALL citations
- Purple = Correct Punctuation for your citation

**What does the citation look like?**

Author Last Name, First Name. Title of source. Publisher. Date published.

**Examples:**

- **Book:**

- **Website:**

- **Newspaper Article:**

**Note:** Two or more authors, editors, etc? List them in the order they appear on the source. (Last Name, First name, Last Name, First Name, and Last Name, First Name.)