**Research Paper Overview about Holes**

**and the Setting of Western Texas**

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**Objective**: Students will write a research paper about the setting of West Texas that’s found in the book Holes. Students will begin their work by researching the land of western Texas by using the media center’s nonfiction text resources. Students will read, annotate, cite and write about the land by utilizing Cornell Notes as a text aid. Afterwards they will identify and write about items found in the setting that allow the main character of Holes, Stanley, to persevere.

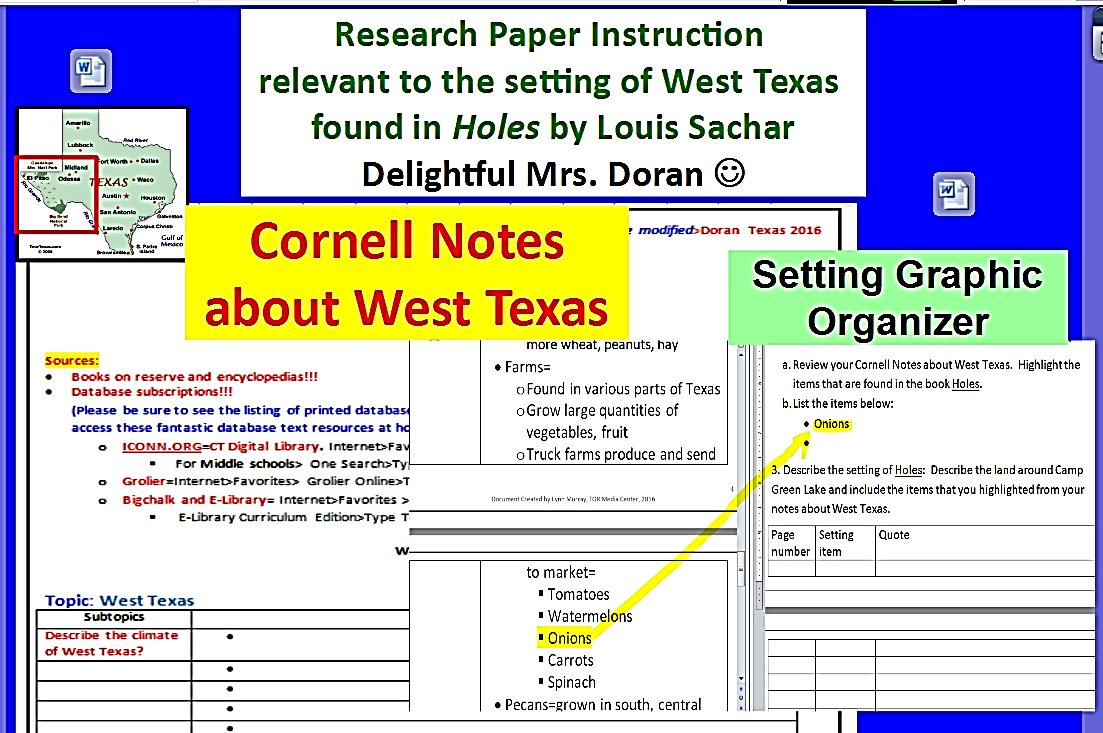
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a. West Texas Cornell Notes

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**West Texas Cornell Notes** Delightful Mrs. Doran





**Sources:**

* **Books on reserve and encyclopedias!!!**
* **Database subscriptions!!!**

**(Please be sure to see the listing of printed database usernames and passwords under the light switch so you can access these fantastic database text resources at home!!!)**

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**Works Cited**

**Topic**: **West Texas**

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| **Describe the land regions of Texas.** |  |
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| **Describe the West Gulf Coastal Plain of Texas?** |  |
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| **Describe the climate of West Texas?** |  |
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| **Describe some of the plant and animal life found in Texas?** |  |
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| **Describe some of the natural resources found in Texas.** |  |
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| **Describe some of the agriculture grown in Texas.** |  |
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| **Summary of your notes:** |  |

b. Setting and Holes Research Paper Organizer (Citing Evidence)

**Mrs. Doran’s Research Paper Outline about West Texas**

**and the book Holes by Louis Sachar**

11-29-2016

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Research paper question: How does the setting of West Texas affect Stanley, the main character of Holes?

1. Holes is a book about:

2. Describe the land, climate and wildlife found in West Texas:

1. Review your Cornell Notes about West Texas. Highlight the items that are found in the book Holes.
2. List the items below:

* Onions

3. Describe the setting of Holes: Describe the land around Camp Green Lake and include the items that you highlighted from your notes about West Texas.

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4. How does the setting of West Texas affect Stanley, the main character of Holes?

c. Citing Evidence Helpers (Thank you, Elba Sims!!!)

Citing Evidence Helpers ☺

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d. Research paper skeleton

**Holes Research Paper Skeleton**

**Mrs. Doran**

**11-30-2016**

Your research paper will answer the question:

**How does the setting of West Texas positively affect Stanley, the main character of Holes?**

**Paragraph one: Introduction**

1. Write a topic sentence that includes the book Holes and the book’s setting of West Texas.

*Example: Holes is a book about a teenage boy, Stanley, who is sent to a detention camp in West Texas for a crime he did not commit.*

Type your topic sentence:

1. Write two or three sentences that summarize what the story is about.

*Example: Holes is also about a boy who is living with a curse…*

Type your *brief* summary of Holes:

1. Write one or two sentences about the setting of Camp Green Lake in West Texas.

*Example: Camp Green Lake is located in the western area of Texas. It’s an extremely hot, dry and mountainous area of the state that contains a few agricultural products and animals.*

Type your description of the setting found in Holes:

1. *The last sentence of an introductory paragraph is known as a* ***thesis statement****.*

* *Thesis statement=*
  + *A thesis statement* ***summarizes the main point of a research paper****.*
  + *A thesis statement is* ***developed****,* ***supported****, and* ***explained*** *in subsequent paragraphs by means of* ***examples and evidence****.*

*Example: The mountains, onions and lizards found in the harsh setting of West Texas positively affect Stanley in a number of ways.*

Type your thesis statement:

**Paragraph two:** Explain the importance of Stanley climbing the big mountain in the story. Use evidence from the text to support (back up) your answer.

**Paragraph three:** Explain the importance of Stanley eating onions in the story. Use evidence from the text to support (back up) your answer.

**Paragraph four:** Explain the importance of the lizards not biting Stanley in the story. Use evidence from the text to support (back up) your answer.

**Paragraph five**: Conclusion

Write a paragraph that summarizes and explains how climbing the mountain eating onions, and avoiding lizard bites helped make Stanley a better person.

e. Research paper requirements (formatting and Works Cited assistance)

**Research Paper Requirements**

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**Research paper guidelines= a research paper has two parts that are stapled together to form one packet:**

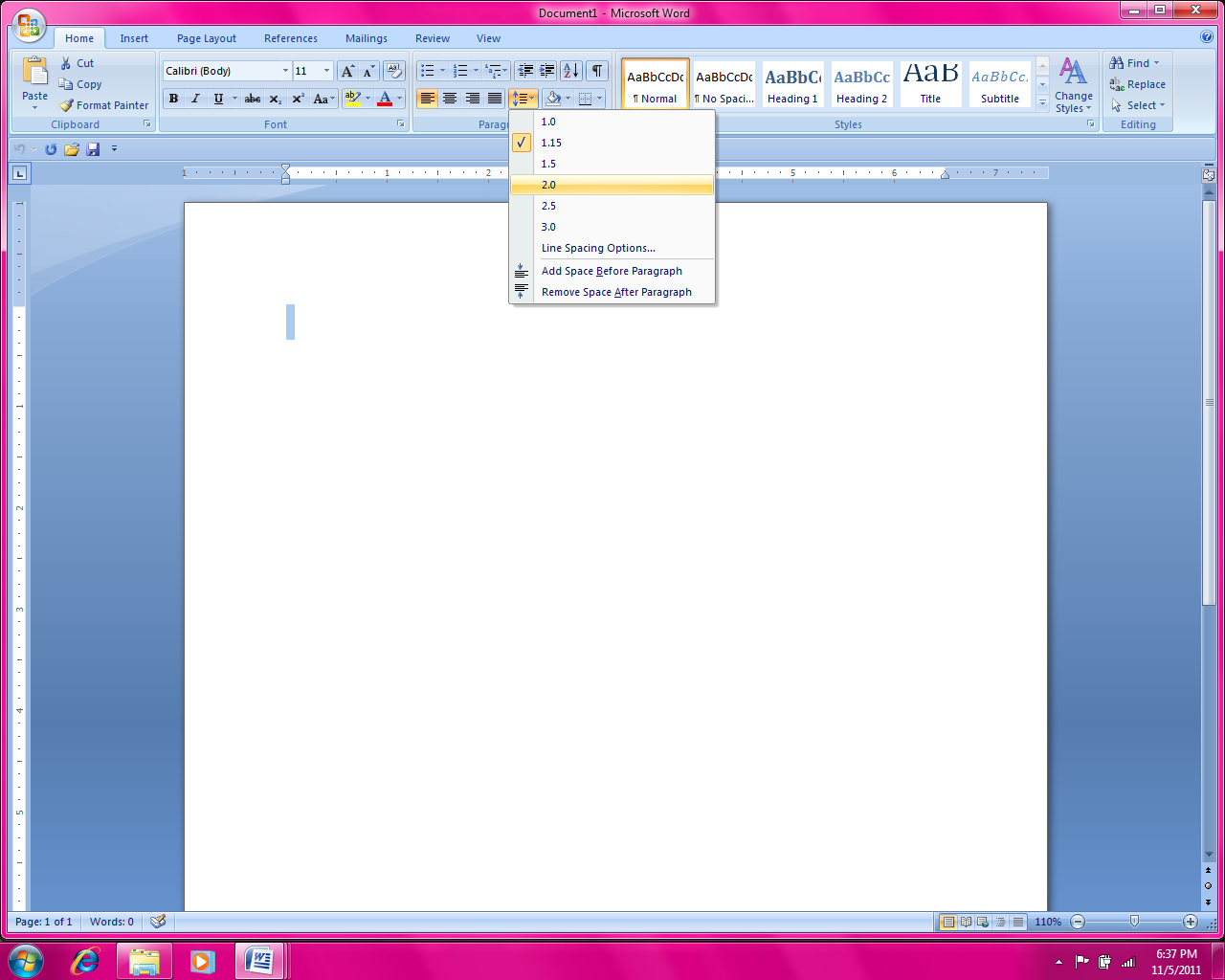
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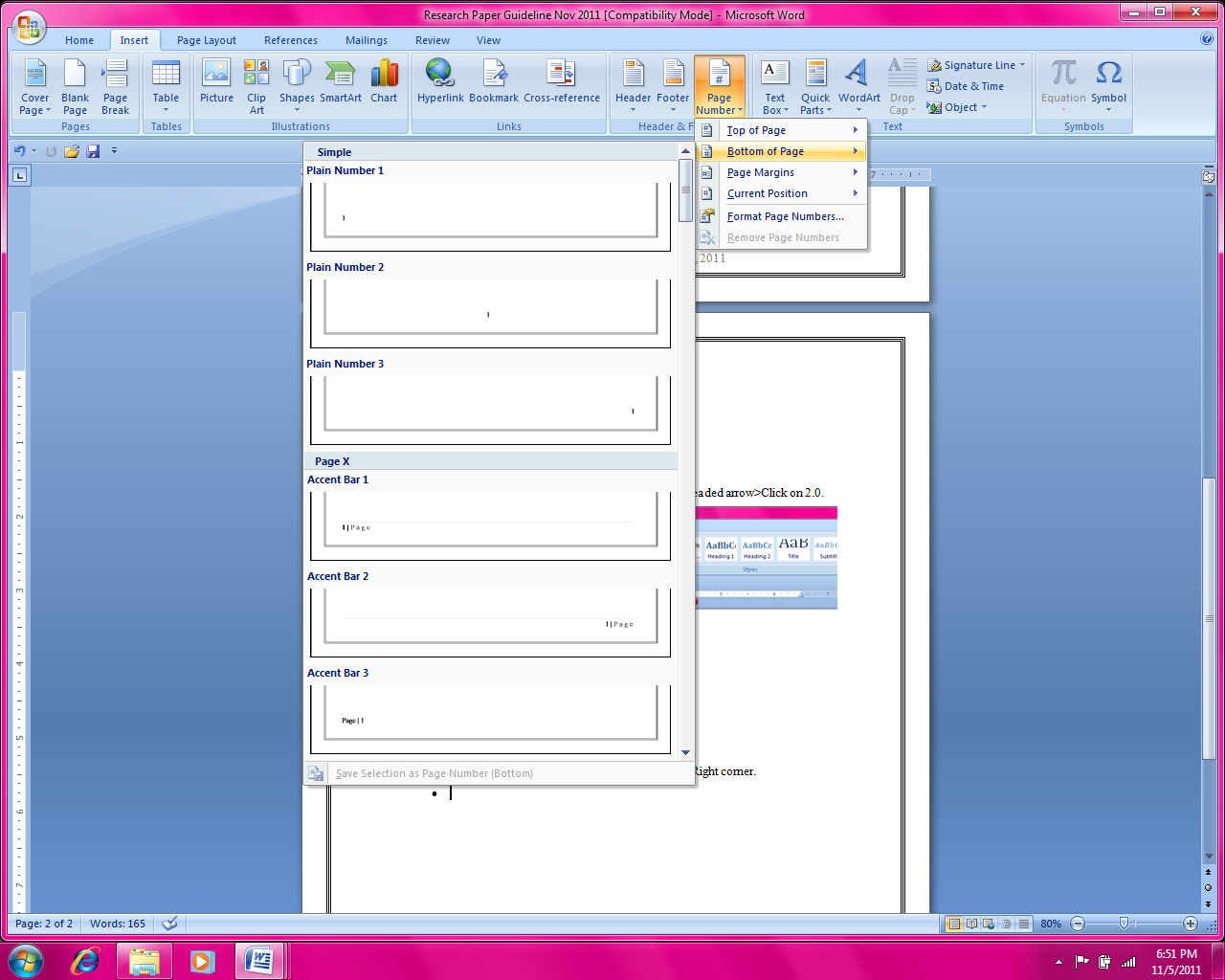
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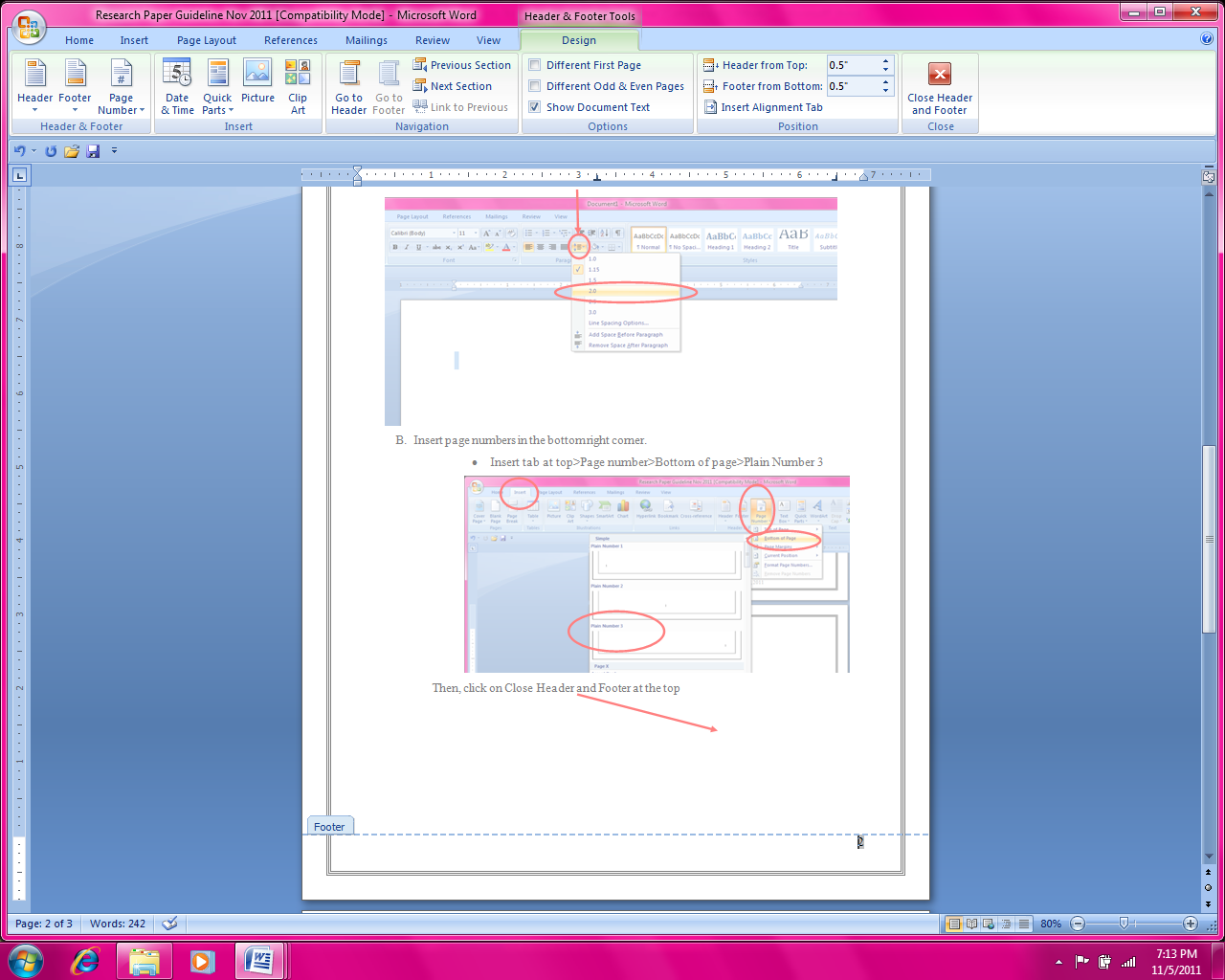
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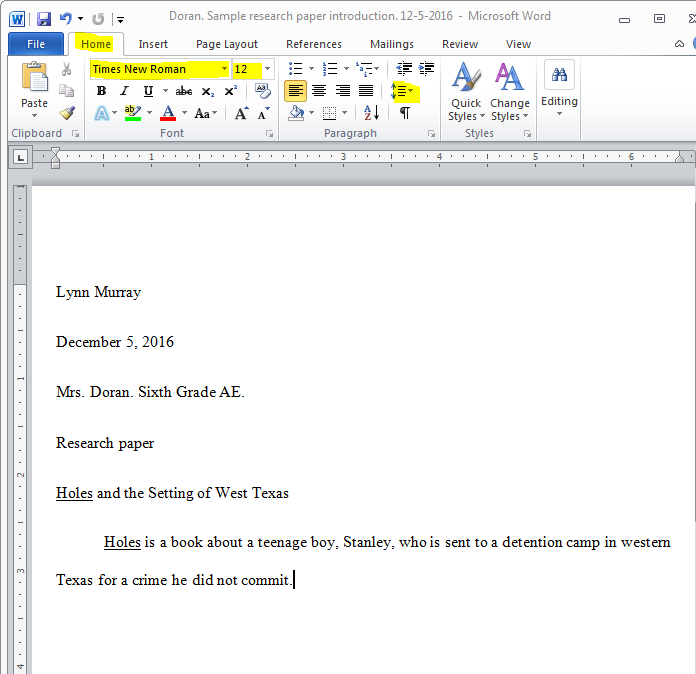


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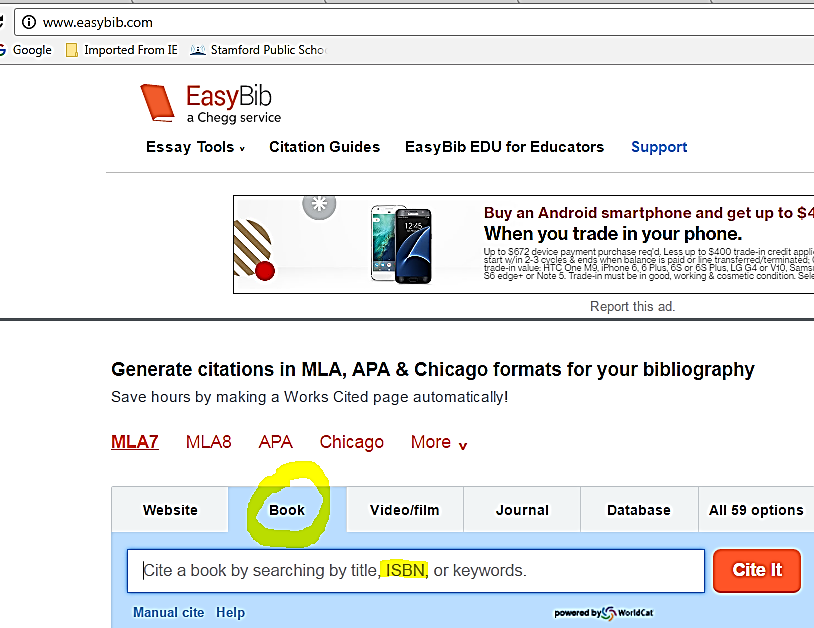
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  2. Use TOR’s media center website for **complete tutorials** about how to use **Easybib.com, CitationMachine.org or Bibme.org**.
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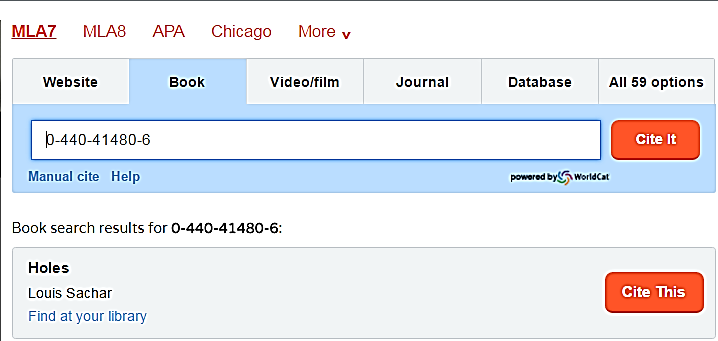
**How to Cite Books Using Easybib.com**

1. [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com)

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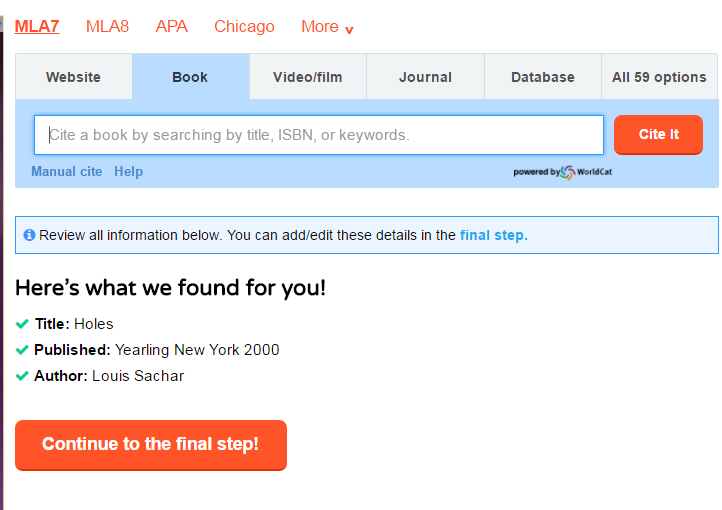


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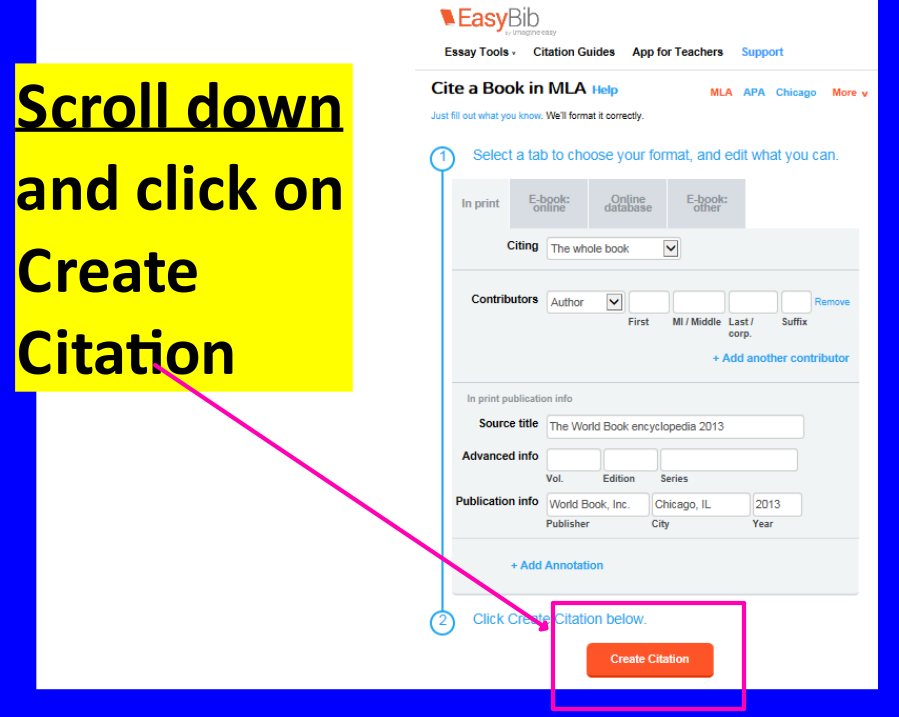


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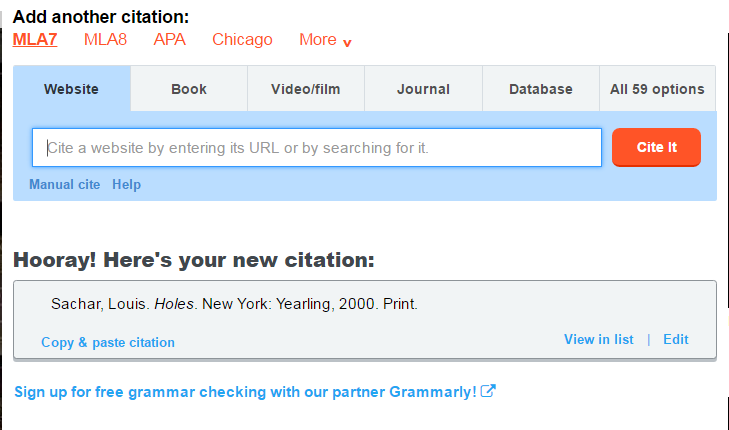
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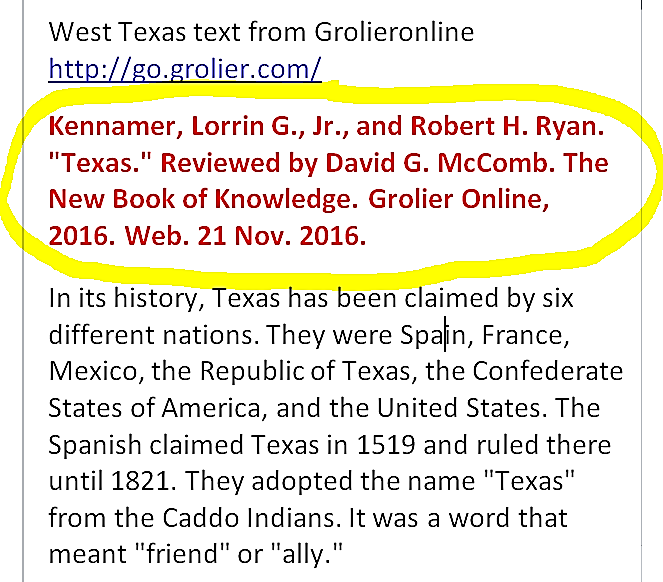


5**. Copy and paste your MLA Citation** to the last page of your research paper.



3. **Copy and paste the MLA citation from the Grolier text about West Texas** *along with* the citation from Holes.

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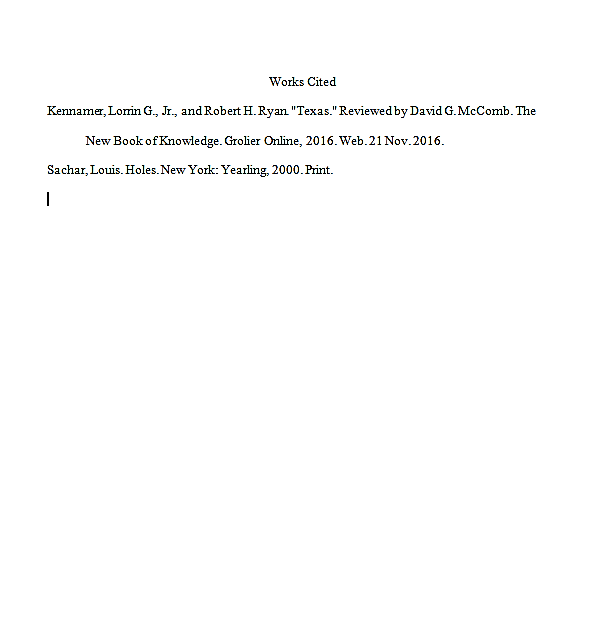
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4. The **Works Cited page is the last** **page** of your **research paper**.

*Sample Works Cited page:*

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