Anatomy of a Citation Using EasyBib

Information Literacy Learning Outcome this assignment addresses:
Uses Information Effectively

Through this assignment students **demonstrate** an understanding of how to properly cite a source.

**Objectives of assignment:**

- Students will learn to generate citations for a print book using the EasyBib website.
- Students will learn to manage citations using the EasyBib website.
- Students will learn to identify the elements of a citation.

**Resources required:**

- EasyBib Website

**Process:**

This assignment can function alone or as part of a larger research project. For instance, the instructor could introduce it during a lecture on the citation style required to complete another, larger assignment. The students could complete this assignment with a book citation they are using in an annotated bibliography, research paper, or research project.

Whether or not there is a larger project for which this assignment would function as a component, the students will need to be introduced to the citation style required for the class. In addition to style handbooks, the library has citation style resources in the “Writing & Citing” tab of the myLakeland library portal that could be used. Training with the EasyBib website will be necessary. The instructor should demonstrate how to generate a book citation in EasyBib and how to email the citation to themselves.

The worksheet is on the second page of this document. This would probably work best as an active learning, in-class exercise, perhaps as a workshop on citing sources. In advance of the class, students will find the book they are going to use for the assignment and bring it for the session. This assignment could easily be adapted to work with a citation generated by an Ebsco database. These paired assignments, books and articles, would make an effective hands-on session on citing sources.

**Important summation/review points:**

- Knowing how to cite sources and what the information in a citation means is a basic, necessary skill for college success.
- Citing sources is not only useful for attributing quotes and paraphrases but also for helping other interested parties find relevant information.
- Citation generators are available to assist with the process of creating citations.
Assignment: Anatomy of a Citation

Instructions
Today as part of a hands-on class on citing sources, you will be using the EasyBib website on the Chromebook provided in class to generate a citation for the book you have brought in on your topic.

Once you have created the citation using the EasyBib website use the email option, as demonstrated in class, to send it to your email account.

You will write or copy the citation to this sheet in the space provided below, and you will identify the elements of that citation, numbering them according to options 1 through 4 in the Numbered Elements section.

Your Citation
Write or copy your citation in the space provided here:

Numbered Elements
Use the numbers from the list below to identify the following elements in the MLA book citation you generated and included in the above space:

1. Date of publication
2. Author
3. Title and subtitle
4. Publisher