



The Lantern English Co.  
The Advanced Writer

## **Choosing & Using Sources**

**Course Description:** Choosing and using sources is a key part of successful academic essay writing. In this class, students learn about the different types of sources and how each type of source meets a different information need. Students learn how to evaluate sources, then use sources ethically, by creating a works cited list and in-text citations. Finally, students learn proper use of quotations and achieve an understanding of balanced source use within papers. (Note: This class teaches MLA format for citations.)

### **Course Outline:**

**Week One:** Types of Sources

**Week Two:** Understanding Sources

- A. Information Needs
- B. Roles of Sources

**Week Three:** Evaluating Sources

**Week Four:** Ethical Use of Sources

**Week Five:** Citation Basics

- A. Why Cite
- B. When to Cite
- C. The Works Cited List

**Week Six:** Citation Basics II

- A. Signaling Sources
- B. Parenthetical Citations

**Week Seven:** Citing Other Sources

**Week Eight:** Balanced Source Use

- A. Standard & Block Quotes
- B. Understanding the Balance



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### **Choosing & Using Sources Grading Outline**

*Choosing & Using Sources* will be graded with a combination method.

Some assignments are exercise-based and will be graded like a grammar/exercise assignment, considering the total number of answers in each section. For example, if a student must locate ten instances of plagiarism in an assignment and misses two, he would receive an 80% on that assignment.

Some assignments will be graded according to *The Advanced Writer* grading rubric, with a focus on ideas and content, logical writing and organization, and strong use of language.

All assignment grades for this course will be averaged to receive a final course grade.