Students as early as grade one can understand the rationale for giving credit for created works. They feel pride when their own work is exhibited, and teachers and library media specialists can easily transfer this feeling of ownership to giving credit to others. Working backward from the MLA 8 citation format for grades 7 through 12, here are suggested citation formats for grades 1-6 which include the most common reference materials.

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