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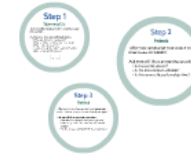
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Example

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- Your MLA citation comes first, followed by your annotation.
- Your annotation is indented.

"Hart Island." *The Encyclopedia of New York City*. 2nd Edition. 1995. Print.

This entry on Hart Island gives a general overview of the island's history and uses. It is a valid, unbiased secondary source coming from a reputable publisher. It helped my research by providing me with basic knowledge.

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Ask yourself these prompting questions:

- What are the main arguments?
- What is the point of the book or article?
- What topics are covered?
- If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say?



Step 2 Assess

After you summarize your source you must assess its validity.

Ask yourself these prompting questions:

- Is it a useful source?
- Is the information reliable?
- Is this source biased or objective?

Step 3 Reflect

After you summarize and assess your source you must reflect on how your source helped your paper.

Ask yourself these prompting questions:

- How does it help you shape your argument?
- How can you use this source in your research project?
- Has it changed how you think about your topic?

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