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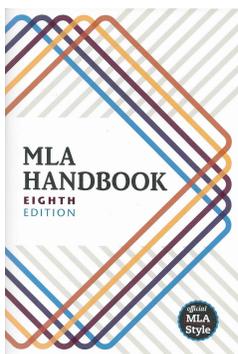
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Doing research is like going on an information treasure hunt. Follow the clues by clicking on links that may lead to further information. Also, check the references included at the end of articles or books to find additional resources.

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MLA Documentation Style



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Sample Citation:

Hepburn, Katharine. *Me: Stories of My Life*, Alfred A. Knopf, 1991, pp. 3-5.

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"Katharine Hepburn." *Britannica School*, Encyclopædia Britannica, 9 May. 2011.

school.eb.com/levels/high/article/Katharine-Hepburn/40079. Accessed 19 Oct. 2017.

E-Books



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Atwood, Kathryn J. "Marlene Dietrich: The Only Important Thing." *Women Heroes of World War II*, Chicago Review Press, 2011, pp. 213-220. *Destiny Discover*, Follett, <https://reader.follettshef.com/mobileReader/#/ktsId/129639/info>. Accessed 22 October 2017.

Databases

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Sample Citations:

"Kate Storms Hollywood." *Saturday Evening Post*, vol. 289, no. 4, Jul/Aug2017, p. 93.

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MLA Resources



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