How to Cite an Image from the Internet

To cite an image from the internet or from another source, like a book, there are a specific series of steps one must take. To do otherwise is called **PLAGARISM**. Once you find an image you want to use for a project, you **must then follow these steps**:

Step one: list the **Last Name**, **First Name** (of the **author** if listed). End the name with a **period**. *If there is no author of the image, then skip this step*.

Step two: list the "Title" of the image in quotation marks. End the title with a **period**. *If there is no title listed, create one*.

Step three: list the Publisher of the image is one is listed. End the publisher's name with a period. If there is no publisher, list the name of the web page you used to find the image.

Step four: list the URL (web site address). Copy and paste the address from the browser window on the top of the page. End the web site address with a **comma**.

Step five: list the **Date** you downloaded the picture. End the listing with a **period**. Look at the following example taken from the Smithsonian (one of the best sites to find historical pictures and images about American history):



Trumbull, John. "Alexander Hamilton". Smithsonian.com. https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/alexander-hamilton-18021947/, February 1, 2018.

Quick reference guide for listing images from the internet

- 1. Find an image on your topic on a search engine (like Google, Yahoo!, etc.)
- 2. Click on that image and *go to the web page the image is from*. Do *not* stay on the search engine page!
- 3. Now that you are on the web page where the image was found, you are going to follow the steps listed on the other page!
- 4. Start with an author's (or artist's) **name**. Is it listed? *If not, skip to the next step. There is not an author listed so I am skipping this step!*
- 5. List the **title** of the image in quotation marks. . *If there is no title, create a title for the image. There is no title listed, so I am making one up:*

"Thor Flying Near Asgard."

- 6. List the **publisher** of the image or the name of the **web page** where the image was found. There is no publisher in the above example, but the name of the web page is **The Comics Cube**.
- 7. List the **URL** (copy and paste the address in the top pull-down window), *end it with a comma*, then list the **date** you found the image and *end it with a period. Example:*

http://www.comicscube.com/2013/11/jack-kirby-took-gods-with-him-everywhere.html, 9/19/18.



"Thor Flying Near Asgard". The Comics Cube. http://www.comicscube.com/2013/11/jack-kirby-took-gods-with-him-everywhere.html, 9/19/18.