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MLA Documentation Practice Worksheet

Using the information below, write the correct parenthetical citations for each example in the parenthesis provided.

Works Cited

Donaldson, Sam. Bantering on Watergate. New York: Penguin Books, 1985.

Jennings, Peter. Pushing the Limits of Political Journalism. Washington: Greater Politics Press, 1994.

Smith, Charles. I Love Politics: A Guide to Discerning Reality. Chicago: Penn Press, 2001.

Xavier, Jason and Thomas Yater. Political Guide to the United States. New York: Ballantine, 2004.

Xavier, Jason. Somewhere in the Political Realm. New York: Ballantine, 2002.

Fill in the citation:

1.) "He spoke to us in German and then left us behind" ().

--from Donaldson's *Bantering on Watergate*, page 45

2.) "I never thought of myself as proud", says Jennings in his book *Pushing the Limits of Political Journalism*

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--This source was located on page 107.

3.) "Politics is such an interesting field" ().

--From Charles Smith's book, page 451.

4.) "Enraged is how he felt after the episode" ().

--From Jason Xavier's book *Somewhere in the Political Realm*, page 233.

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5.) In *Political Guide to the United States*, Xavier and Yater explore the idea that the U.S. is changing politically ().

--From page 544 of this book.

Use the following excerpt of a paper to answer the questions below:

According to Edna Flatbush's study (125) Sally Embelism was a famous tongue surgeon of the Oompa Loompa tribe of Central Snozangle. She is often compared with the famous tooth extractor, Barry Yeek, and the famous nose hair specialist, Robby Greenly (128). Dr. William Sneezer, however, concludes that, "This is an unjust comparison" (126) and defends Embelism's right to be evaluated separately (176). Sneezer argues, "We have only just begun to understand (Embelism's) effect on the science of tooth pain and the causal effect of the gum's recession on the tongue" (125).

Embelism began her illustrious career as a dental hygienist under Barry Yeek in her mid-twenties (Barton 87). She "...detested working under the filthy conditions of his office...and eventually left his employment" (Carter 28). From there, Embelism wandered searching for a new purpose in her life until she met Tongue Barb Pete on the Board Walk at Atlantic City where the two met and fell in love (Boom 30). Their "...love was short lived, however, due to Pete's habit drinking two bottles of whiskey right before the show then gulping fireballs for the crowds" (37). "It was an accident waiting to happen according to all of the couples' friends" (Flatbush 56).

6. Why does the parenthetical reference in line 1 include only the page number?

7. Why is there a parenthetical reference with a page number in the middle of the material in line 3?

8. Why are there brackets () in the quotation in line 5?

9. Why are there ellipses "..." in line 11?

10. Who wrote the words, "...love was short lived, however, due to Pete's habit drinking two bottles of whiskey right before the show then swallowing fire in his show"?

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11. Rewrite the last sentence to make the citation of (56) appropriate.

12. List all of the authors used as references in this paper.

13. Why is Sneezzer a good source to quote?

14. Which if the following can not be listed as a source on the works cited page for this paper?

A. Flatbush, Edna. The Tantalizing Tongue. New York: Brewster and Company, 1987

B. Barton, Charles. Tongue Doctors of the West. Brooklyn: Compton and Jones, 1992

C. Craig, Samuel. Lipstick, Lollipops, and Death. England: Beckins, 1995

D. Boom, Humphrey. Where the Taste buds Grow: a Look at Amazing Surgeons. New Zealand, 1979

15. For the following bibliography create a parenthetical citation from a quote on pg. 16.

Rugged, Bart, and Alex, Ralph, eds. Tongue Diseases and other Wild Stories from the Doctor's Office. Georgia: University Press, 1988.

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