

MLA Reading Questions for 1.5-1.8

As you are reading sections 1.5-1.8 in the MLA handbook, answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible.

1.5

1. What is a working bibliography?
2. What are the benefits of having a working bibliography?
3. Why is creating a computer file a good way to store a working bibliography?
4. Why should you keep track of all of the publication information for each source?
5. What other information could be helpful in a working bibliography?
6. What is the working bibliography eventually converted into?

1.6

1. Why is it important to evaluate the sources you are using?
2. List and briefly describe the three areas that should be focused on when evaluating a source.

3. Give a few reasons why each of these areas helps us to decide whether or not the source is credible.

1.7

1. What are the first things you should do when getting ready to take notes?

2. List and describe the different types of note-taking.

3. What should be recorded by the notes that will help you find it later?

1.8

1. What is a working outline?

2. Why should irrelevant material be deleted?

3. List and briefly define the different organizing principles.

4. How can you involve quotations in the outline?

5. What are the types of outlines?