**Research Using Online Databases**

**& Cobb Digital Library**

**Step 1: Log-on to the Cobb Digital Library**

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When accessing the Cobb Digital Library at home using [https://cobb.mackinvia.com](https://cobb.mackinvia.com/), use your Office 365 login (typically firstname.lastname and computer password).



**Step 2: Access the Database**

On the left-hand menu bar, select DATABASES. Then, navigate to the OPPOSING VIEWPOINTS database (you may have to click the green “load more” bar).

**Step 3: Navigate through Topics**

This database presents trending topics with arguments on both sides of the debate. Today, you will be looking at topics concerning how long school should last. To begin, you will need to scroll past ISSUES OF INTEREST and select BROWSE ALL ISSUES 

**Step 4: Select SCHOOL START TIMES**

You will initially see an overview of this topic but then below that, you will see clickable links to news articles, viewpoints, images, videos, websites, magazines

**Step 5: Click on VIEWPOINTS and find the article “Summer Vacation is No Longer Necessary.” Open it.**

**Step 6: Cite the Article**



Find the button that says “Cite” and copy the citation for the article in the space below. Make sure that the citation is set to “MLA 8th Edition.” Then look at all of the component pieces to see how the citation was constructed.

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| Citation: |
| **Author** | **Title of Article** | **Book Title** | **Publisher** |
| Frederick M. Hess | “Summer Vacation Is No Longer Necessary” | Year-Round Schools | Greenhaven Press |
| **Series** | **Editor** | **Publication Date** | **Database Name** |
| At Issue | Adriane Ruggiero | 2008 | Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints |
| **Access Date** | **Pages Used** | **URL** | **Original Publication** |
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**Step 7: Identify the Author’s Stance**

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| Take a look at this sentence from the author’s opening paragraph and circle the words that help to establish the author’s critical tone and harsh diction.But millions of others are loitering in parking lots and shopping malls, cruising iffy websites, and slouching toward academic disaster. |
| Note 5 reasons the author seems to think that summer vacation is a bad idea for American students:1.2.3.4.5. |

**Step 8: Provide Your Own Commentary**

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| What do you think about the author’s viewpoint? Use the space below to write a 4-6 sentence commentary in which you provide your own opinion on Frederick Hess’s perspective on summer vacation. |
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**Step 9: Find a Different Viewpoint on the Same Issue**

Now find the viewpoint article entitled “Revising the Current School Calendar Has Many Implications. You will find this article the same way you found the previous article.

**Step 10: Cite the Article**

Fill in the citation in the space below and then fill in the chart to see how the citation was formulated.

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| Citation: |
| **Author** | **Title of Article** | **Book Title** | **Publisher** |
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| **Series** | **Editor** | **Publication Date** | **Database Name** |
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**Step 11: Note Taking – take notes on each of the main sections of the viewpoint**

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| The Changing School Calendar:*
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Not All Time in School Is Equal:*
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Extended Time and The Flow of Learning:*
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The Challenges of Extending School Time:*

Strongest Opposition to Extended School:*
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No Certain Benefit in Extending Time in School:*

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**Step 12: Provide Your Own Commentary**

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| What do you think about the author’s viewpoint? Use the space below to write a 4-6 sentence commentary in which you provide your own opinion on Elena Silva’s perspective on changing the school calendar. |
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**Step 13: Submit to Your Teacher**

Save this document and share it with your teacher. You may either email it directly or share it through Office 365. Your teacher will email you a verification that the document was received and able to be opened for grading.