

Name _____

Research Report

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

Research Report

You are to choose a pet- a dog is suggested as we are in a dog story. (If you elect another animal please check with the teacher for approval.) You are to do a 2 page report on your pet. Please do include a picture and a bibliography citing at least 2 different sources. Your paper will cover the complete care of your animal; you are to write about needed medicine, shots, grooming, cost, and attention.

Checklist for body of report:

- I have two sources cited at a page at the end of my report.
- I have covered medical and veterinary needs.
- I have estimated costs for medicine, food, toys, etc.
- I have made a plan for the care and happiness of my animal.

Timeline for getting things done:

Your two sources are due next week.

No more than one internet resource please

Due Date: _____

Book #1 _____

Book #2 _____

Internet: _____

Your outline is due in 2 weeks.

Due Date _____

Your Rough Draft is due in 3 weeks.

Due Date _____

Your final paper is due in 4 weeks.

Suggested type of outline:

I. Attention Grabber/Topic Sentence

A. Transition Sentence

1. Detail
2. Detail
3. More Detail?

B. Transition Sentence

1. Detail
2. Detail
3. More?

C. Transition Sentence

1. Detail
2. Detail
3. Detail

D. Transition Sentence

1. Detail
2. Detail
3. Detail

II. Conclusion- Can you end with a zinger?

Transition sentences are words that are what we call in class time/order words.

Examples:

First, Next, Then, Finally

One, another, Then, All in all

In addition, Furthermore, Moreover, Also, Lastly

Before, While, After

Soon, Next

Again, Repeat, Especially

For instance, For Example, Additionally

Yet, Still, To repeat, To sum up

Although, On the other hand, Even though

Each transition sentence should have a transition word and should be the topic sentence of your new paragraph. Your details can be one or two word descriptions of what you might write.

Sample Cover Sheet

Teachers are tremendously impressed by your use of a cover sheet. A cover sheet is essential information that makes your report look very professional. Eventually, as you grow, you will be required to include a cover sheet for every report, all the way through college and beyond. In this report please begin your report with a cover sheet. A sample of what a cover sheet might look like is below.

Title of your paper

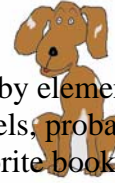
Presented by (your name)

Presented to (your teacher's name)

Date



You may include a picture here

Introduction to Bibliography

Here are the two most common types of citations that may be used by elementary children. The first example is a website I found online about Cocker Spaniels, probably my favorite breed of dog. The second example is my from a book, my favorite book of all time.

After each example there is a blue key showing how to put the citation in proper form. Websites are very difficult to gain citation information from, and there are probably going to be missing items of information. If too much information is missing, perhaps it would be wise to ask yourself if this is really a website that has reliable information.

Make it easy on yourself and use Citation Machine at <http://citationmachine.net/index.php>.

1. Ozechowski, Jill. "Basic Care...." Country Stars American Cocker Spaniels. 28 Aug 2007 <<http://countrystars.nu/care.html>>.

1. Authors last name, first name. "Title of the particular webpage you found." Title of website on homepage. Today's date. <url of website>.

2. Tolkien, J (1937). *The Hobbit*. New York, NY: Ballantine Books, INC.

2. Author's last name, first initial. *Title of book*. City published in, state: Publisher.

Assignment:

Put your silent reading book into Citation Machine and print out the citation. Write your citation below being sure to copy all punctuation correctly,

Winn-Dixie

Name _____

Research Report

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

Citing Books

Remember that you can use citationmachine.net.



Find a book that you know about and list the following:

Author's Last Name _____

Author's First Name _____

Title of book _____

City Published in _____

State Published in _____

Publisher _____

Now list the citation as below:

Author's last name, first initial. *Title of book*. City published in, state: Publisher.

Find another book that you know about and list the following:

Author's Last Name _____

Author's First Name _____

Title of book _____

City Published in _____

State Published in _____

Publisher _____

Now list the citation as below:

Author's last name, first initial. *Title of book*. City published in, state: Publisher.

Name _____

Research Report

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

Citing Internet Pages



Go to <http://citationmachine.net/>

Author's Last Name _____

Hint: You may find this on the about us page.

Author's First Name _____

Title of webpage _____

Hint: This is the title of the page you found your information on

Date page was written: _____

Today's date _____

URL _____

Now list the citation below: (Citation Machine will do it for you!) The format is thus:

Last Name, First (date). Name of web site you are at. Today's date, from the particular title of the page you are on: url pasted here

Put citation here:

Now find your own school related site:

Author's Last Name _____

Hint: You may find this on the about us page.

Author's First Name _____

Title of webpage _____

Hint: This is the title of the page you found your information on

Date page was written: _____

Today's date _____

URL _____

Put citation here:

Name _____

Research Report

Because of Winn-Dixie

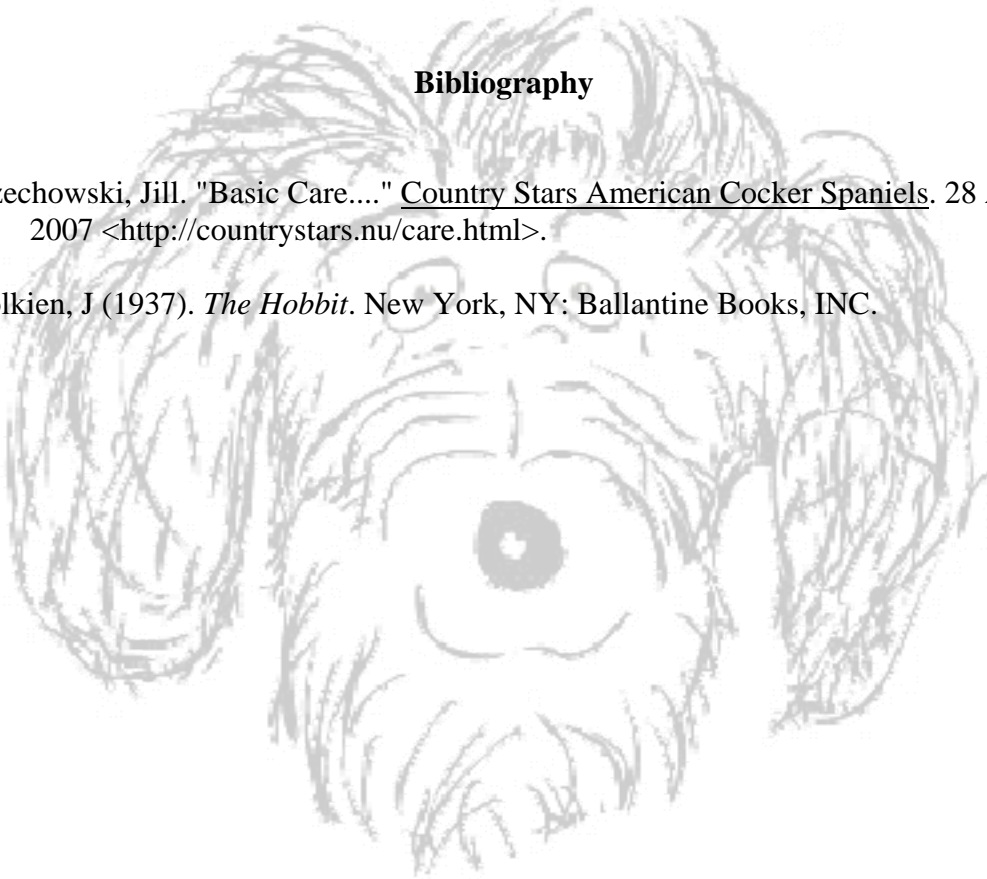
Kate DiCamillo

A proper bibliography appears all by itself as the last page of your report. You should not put your report or pictures here—just your simple bibliography.



Bibliography

1. Ozechowski, Jill. "Basic Care...." Country Stars American Cocker Spaniels. 28 Aug 2007 <<http://countrystars.nu/care.html>>.
2. Tolkien, J (1937). *The Hobbit*. New York, NY: Ballantine Books, INC.



Winn-Dixie

Name _____

Research Report

Because of Winn-Dixie

Kate DiCamillo

Report Checklist

If you really want an excellent grade on your report use this checklist:

- I have my cover sheet
- I have an opening that commands attention
- I have a detailed report with lots of transition sentences
- I have a great conclusion
- I have a bibliography with at least two sources as my final page