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Title of Article: Nine Types of Bulldogs for People who What a Goofy, Loveable Life
By Jo Yurucaba
Source: Woman's Day Magazine
Date Written: December 13, 2019
Date Retrieved: June 10, 2021

The beloved bulldog can be traced back to early 5th Century in England, when they were bred to help butchers control their livestock, according to dog trainer Cesar Millan's website. They were also bred to be aggressive and determined. Now, bulldogs are well-known for making happy, loyal family dogs according to Vet Street. They like children and are very affectionate. Bulldogs aren't any more aggressive than most other dogs if they've been properly socialized from a young age. They can be stubborn and harder to train, but will respond with treats and positive reinforcement.

Let's say I use a **direct quote** from the above article. It may look like this:

"Now, bulldogs are well-known for making happy, loyal family dogs according to Vet Street," (Yurucaba).

In parenthesis is the author's last name and a page number if one were available.

Using **summarized** information:

Bulldogs seem to be able to make their owners happy, and they are considered loyal pets, (Yurucaba).

Both examples are cited, and only one has quotation marks because it was taken word for word.

A **bibliography** is a separate page of paper that includes all of the sources that are used in writing a paper; our school uses a format called MLA. If you used the source as an internal citation, it should appear in the final bibliography as the last page of the paper.

You will need to use the information above (italics) to compose the bibliography. Your teacher may have you use the Reference Section of Word, or you may try Zbib.org to complete this final page. The source that you are using (book, web, magazine etc.) will determine what information is important. This is what an example for this magazine article would look like.

Bibliography

Yurcaba, Jo. "9 Types of Bulldogs For People Who Want A Goofy, Lovable Dog." *Pets*, 13 Dec. 2019. Retrieved 10 June, 2021.
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As you can see, the bibliography contains more detailed information than the citation. Both are important and needed for a formal paper!