



# OCDSB AI Citation Style

## What is a Citation?

A citation is a reference to a source you utilized, such as a website, book, article, or, in this case, a prompt used with an AI tool like Google Gemini.

A works cited or reference page provides the complete information about that source, enabling your reader to verify your claims.

## When to Cite AI

You should cite your use of AI any time you use a tool (ie. Gemini) to help you with your ideas or work. Make sure you check with your teacher before you use AI.

## How to Cite AI

Specific formatting for AI citations can vary, so always adhere to your teacher's guidelines. Generally, you should aim to include the following key pieces of information:

### APA Style

**Author.** - The author of the model.

**Date.** - Year of the version you use.

**Title.** - Name of the model

**(Version Number)** - Version number of the model

**[Type of AI Model].** - Use for a descriptor of the AI tool (i.e., Large language model)

**Source** - Give the general URL for the tool.

### MLA Style

**"Title of Source".** - Describe what was generated by the AI tool. This may involve including information about the prompt in the Title of Source element if you have not done so in the text.

**Title of Container,** - Use the Title of Container element to name the AI tool

**Version,** - Name the version of the AI tool as specifically as possible.

**Publisher,** - Name the company that made the tool.

**Date,** - Give the date the content was generated.

**Location** - Give the general URL for the tool.

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### How to cite in bibliography

Google. (2025). *Gemini. (2.5 Flash)* [Large language model]. <https://gemini.google.com>

"In 100 words, describe the plot of *The Book Thief*" prompt. *Gemini, 2.5 Flash*, Google, June 10 2025, <https://gemini.google.com/>

### How to cite in-text (Quoted)

When asked to describe the plot of "The Maze Runner", Gemini provided the following summary: "*The Maze Runner* tells the story of Thomas, who wakes up in the Glade with no memory except his name. The Glade is an organized community of adolescent boys, all without memories, surrounded by a complex maze that changes nightly. Thomas's main objective becomes finding a way to escape this maze. With fragmented recollections of his past and a crucial clue from a mysterious girl, Thomas helps the boys escape the deadly experiment that the Glade represents." (Google, 2025)

When asked to describe the plot of "The Maze Runner", Gemini provided the following summary: "*The Maze Runner* by James Dashner follows Thomas, who awakens in the Glade with amnesia, surrounded by other boys in a similar predicament. Their world is enclosed by a deadly, ever-changing maze. Thomas's goal is to escape this labyrinth, and with faint memories and a crucial clue from a mysterious girl, he endeavors to lead the boys out of the Glade's lethal experiment." ("In 100 words").

### How to cite in-text (Paraphrased)

*The Maze Runner* centers on Thomas, who arrives in the Glade with his memory wiped, knowing only his name. The Glade is an organized society of adolescent boys, all suffering from amnesia, and is encircled by a complicated maze that changes nightly. Thomas's primary goal becomes escaping this maze. Aided by fragmented memories and a crucial clue from a mysterious girl, Thomas assists the boys in breaking free from the deadly experiment that the Glade represents. This novel is the first in a five-book series and was adapted into a movie in 2014. (Gemini for Google, 2025).

*The Maze Runner* plunges Thomas into the Glade with no memories beyond his name. He finds an orderly civilization of adolescent boys, all similarly afflicted, surrounded by an intricate, ever-changing maze. Thomas's primary goal becomes escaping this labyrinth. With the help of fragmented recollections and a crucial clue from a mysterious girl, Thomas endeavors to lead the boys out of the Glade, which is revealed to be a lethal experiment. ("In 100 words").

### Image

Canva. (2025). *Magic Media's Text to Image*. [Generative media model]. <https://www.canva.com/>



Fig. 1. "Friendly robot looking at a flower" prompt, Magic Media's Text to Image, 2.5 Flash, Canva, June 10 2025, <https://www.canva.com/>