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Analysis of a Model Research Paper

**Please peruse the model paper and answer the following questions.
Use complete sentences wherever possible.**

1. Who is the author of the model paper?
2. What is the teacher's name?
3. How old is this student most likely?
4. What is the topic of the model paper?
5. Is the format of the model paper APA or MLA?
6. What does MLA stand for? Circle the most likely answer: Modern Lima Bean Association; Modern Language Association; Mega Liquidators Accumulated
7. How many pages is the model paper?
8. How many paragraphs is the model paper?
9. Approximately how many words is the model paper?
10. Describe the font and spacing used in this paper:
11. How many sources were used in the author's research?
12. Of those sources, how many were Web sites?
13. How many parenthetical citations did the author include in this paper?
14. What does "parenthetical" mean?

15. What information is included in the parenthetical citations? Place a check next to all that apply:
- The name of the author's favorite band followed by the number of CD's that band has sold
 - The name of the professor/teacher followed by the number of students
 - The name of the source's author followed by the page number of the information/excerpt
16. You need to use parenthetical citations whenever you do which of the following? Place a check next to all that apply:
- Paraphrase an original idea that came directly from the source material
 - Express common knowledge that is not unique to the source material
 - Take an excerpt from the source material (an excerpt is a word-for-word chunk of the text)
17. What is the thesis of this paper?
18. This thesis is most likely an answer to what question?
19. Were the sources used credible? What makes you think so?
20. Was this paper effective in convincing you of its premise? Explain why or why not.
21. What is the purpose of a research paper?
22. How does a research paper differ from a persuasive essay?
23. If you were to embark upon a research project, what is a topic you might like to explore?
24. What might your thesis statement be?