How to use quotes efficiently and accurately to add meaning and evidence to your argument and how to format them in MLA

Your question is “How are First Peoples using hip hop to express their identity?” And after doing some research you determined your thesis is “First Peoples use hip hop to express their resiliency, **their fight against colonization**, and their frustrations with a racist system.”

1. I watched the YouTube video “The Foundation: Indigenous Hip Hop in Canada” for a second time.
2. As I watched, I took notes and recorded all the quotes I thought were relevant. I recorded the time stamp as well.

**Which quotes do you think are most useful as evidence?**

*“Indigenous culture goes hand in hand with hip hop culture” (1:22- 1:25).*

*“It is our voice and being Indigenous, we have something to say” (1:30-1:35).*

*“Since 2000, the number of Indigenous hip hop artists have shot through the roof” (2:49).*

*“When I listened to Chuck D, I wanted to feel more good about Indian. I want to be like that guy for my people” (3:40).*

*“I knew that I was an Indigenous person but I didn’t know where we came from and our stories. ..We lived with our oral traditions. We weren’t necessarily writing things down from time immemorial, we were just kinda talking. I didn’t know we were carrying on our traditions that way… but man, that is how we’ve always been” (4:20-4:42).*

*“More and more these days, we are seeing how young Indigenous artist are using hip hop to challenge the system by pointing out the faults and the many ways it impacts the lives of Indigenous people” (4:48-5:01).*

*“As Indigenous youth, in Canada, the system was built for us to fail and the way we were meant to think about ourselves, and the way our peers used to make us think about ourselves, it wasn’t built for us to succeed” (5:01-5:14).*

*“The Indigenous people have been silenced for years, and now people are listening” (5:18-5:21).*

*“We were silenced. We were told not to speak our own language, we were forced to speak English, so now we are screaming it into the mic” (6:54-7:01).*

*“What is Indigenous hip hop? Is it a culture of its own? Or is it simply the community that Indigenous people create for themselves within the existing world of hip hop?” (8:15-8:20).*

*“To me it’s a bit limiting at times… but hip hop has Indigenous roots. It goes back to traditions of oration…but it would have been hundreds of years ago” (8:24-8:34).*

*“You think about the culture of hip hop. In hip hop, you’ve got the MC’s. In our culture, we have the story tellers. In hip hop we have the B-boys, in our culture, we have the pow wow dancers. Hip hop, you have the DJ, we have our drummers. You’ve got graffiti artists in hip hop, we have our carvers, we have our painters” (8:38- 8:53).*

*“The background of hip hop comes from a place of oppression, and Indigenous youth across Turtle Island are feeling that” (8:57-9:00).*

**Here is my quote written in context. Note it is introduced and explained. No bombing!!**

Hip hop has become a place to challenge the colonial legacy of assimilation. Hope from Status Crew states, “We were silenced. We were told not to speak our own language, we were forced to speak English, so now we are screaming it into the mic” (Hellson 6:54-7:01). These artists are using this musical genre to protest years of oppression and express their rage.

## How to Cite Videos and Music into a MLA formatted “Works Cited”

*You can copy YouTube addresses into Easybib. Be sure to add as much information as you can. I had to watch the credits to get the director’s name*

Hellson , Diana, director. *The Foundation: Indigenous Hip Hop in Canada*. *YouTube*, YouTube, **23 Sept. 2019,** [**www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rl5o3AcfMss&ab\_channel=STORYHIVE**](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rl5o3AcfMss&ab_channel=STORYHIVE)**.**

## How to do **in-text** citations for videos.

Your in-text citation will depend on whether you have the author's last name. Basically, you will want to cite in-text whatever appears **first in the citation on your Works Cited page.** If you are referencing a specific part of the video, MLA format also requires that you specify the time in the video when that part begins.

**In-text citation with author:**

(Last name, 00:01:15 - 00:02:00).

**In-text citation with no author or same author and uploader:**

("Title of video," 00:01:15 - 00:02:00).

## A SONG OR ALBUM

Music can be cited multiple ways. Mainly, this depends on the container that you accessed the music from. Generally, citations begin with the artist name. They might also be listed by composers or performers. Otherwise, list composer and performer information after the album title. Put individual song titles in quotation marks. Album names are italicized. Provide the name of the recording manufacturer followed by the publication date.

If information such as record label or name of album is unavailable from your source, do not list that information.

**Spotify**

Rae Morris. “Skin.” *Cold,* Atlantic Records, 2014. *Spotify*, open.spotify.com/track/0OPES3Tw5r86O6fudK8gxi.

**Online Album**

Beyoncé. “Pray You Catch Me.” *Lemonade,* Parkwood Entertainment, 2016, [www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/](http://www.beyonce.com/album/lemonade-visual-album/).

**CD**

Nirvana. "Smells Like Teen Spirit." *Nevermind*, Geffen, 1991.