Interested in reinforcing good grammar, mechanics, style, and citation habits in our students? Help us build a

READING, WRITING, & RESEARCH CULTURE
at MCC.

<u>Grammar, Mechanics, Clarity</u>

Try a self or peer review activity in class.

Problem: Pronoun References: Have students read pages 32-33 of *A Pocket Style Manual* then, either individually or with a partner, circle all vague references of this, that, or which, and correct.

Problem: Passive Verbs: Have students read pages 3-4 then circle all passive verbs and substitute with active verbs.

<u>Writing in the Disciplines</u>

Want to share with your students the types of papers assigned across the curriculum? See for yourself. Hacker's *PSM* has sample papers in **BIOLOGY, BUSINESS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ENGINEERING, HISTORY**, and more. Ask students to bring in paper assignments and categorize and label them using *Hacker PSM* pages D3-D124.

Grammar Hacks

Hack (urban dictionary): Clever solution to a tricky problem

Best Practices for using MCC's custom style guide: Hacker's *Pocket Style Manual* for grammar, mechanics, style, and citation advice.

<u>Navigating Citation Styles with Your Students</u>

Did you know *A Pocket Style Manual* provides "citation at a glance" for multiple styles?

MLA: teaching in-text citations? See "Directory to MLA in-text citation models" on page 122; teaching works cited format? See "Directory to MLA works cited models" on 131-132; in search of "Sample Pages"? See pages 159-162.
APA: "Directory to APA in-text citation models," 174; "Directory of APA reference list models," 179-180; "Sample Pages," 199-206.
Chicago: "Directory to Chicago-style notes," 219-220; "Sample Pages," 239-242.
CSE: "Directory to CSE in-text," 244; "Directory to CSE reference list models," 247; "CSE manuscript format," 256-258.

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<u>Learning to Write Critically</u>

Have students read definitions of key skills taught in composition courses:
summary (condensing key reading concepts);
analysis (breaking a text down and examining parts using criteria);
synthesis (bringing multiple source ideas together);
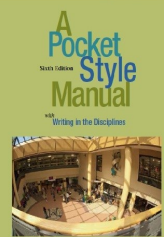**research** (investigation of source material to grow knowledge).
SEE Hacker PSM pages MCC-9 through MCC-12.

<u>ONLINE resources</u>
Sign up and set up your course on **hackerhandbooks.com/pocket** to access online activities, or on **bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/pocket6e/** to access printable and online activities related to grammar, clarity, citation, avoiding plagiarism, research and more.

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