

## Complete Sources:

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## Sample Outline for the Historical Narrative, English 11

**Thesis:** I killed my first whale today

**Support 1:** We had to row a long ways to get to the beast.

- a. I was given the shortest oar and made to row from the back of the boat, next to the boat steerer (Mawer, 243).
- b. We tried to stay out of the "glip," because the sailors say the whale can hear anything that passes through its wake (Mawer, 248)

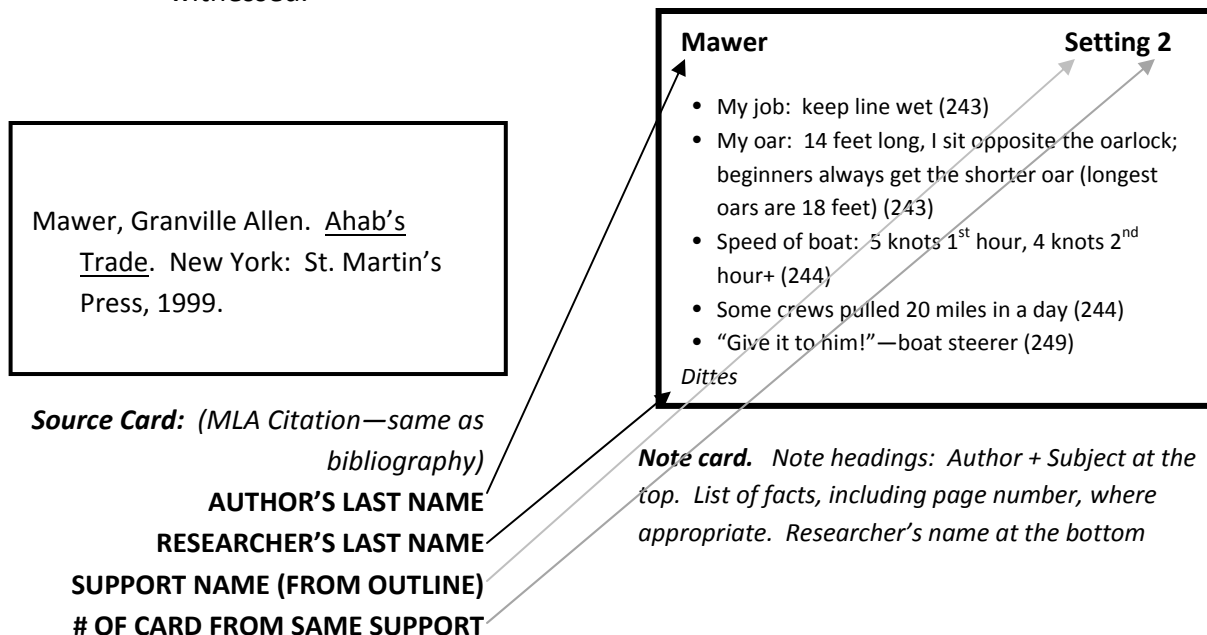
**Support 2:** He took us for a real "Nantucket Sleigh-Ride."

- a. As soon as the harpooner hit the whale, the mate yelled, "Stern all!" (Melville, 310)
- b. The whale rolled onto its back and tried to attack us with its huge, 8-foot toothed jaw! (Mawer, 249)

**Support 3:** The whale died a bloody death

- a. Once we had worn out the whale, the mate moved to the front of the boat, took a lance, and plunged it all the way into the whale's chest (Murphy, 80).
- b. Suddenly the whale's heart exploded: blood poured from its spout 30 feet into the sky, it went into a death "flurry," the water was filled with vomit and gore (Mawer, 250).

**Conclusion:** I'm not sure I have the stomach for this—it is one of the goriest things I have ever witnessed.



# Rubric for the Note Cards/Outline, English 11

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Thesis/ Organization	A well-written thesis captures the event described in the narrative	A thesis describes the historical event at the center of the narrative.	A thesis may not clearly describe a specific event or a character's part in it.	A thesis is missing or it is unclear what the focus of the paper will be.
Source cards	Three or more source cards provide full MLA citation for all sources.	Three or more source cards have some mistakes in MLA but get the general point across.	Fewer than three sources are used, or there are consistent errors in MLA.	Only one source card shows any effort to cite sources correctly.
Note Cards	Ten or more note cards use correct headings (author, support), cite page numbers, and provide solid, researched facts.	Ten or more note cards have only a few heading or page errors, but provide researched facts.	Fewer than ten note cards are evident, or there may be consistent errors in headings.	Fewer than five note cards are present. No organization evident through the headings on the cards.
Details	The outline utilizes six or more researched facts and provides evidence of research.	Six or more researched facts back up each support, but there may be a few citation errors.	Efforts to cite researched facts in the outline are insufficient, five or fewer researched facts back up the writer's ideas.	No effort is made to back up supports with researched, cited facts.

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