



Integrating and Citing Sources

Why do we need to cite?

There are two major reasons: to respect the intellectual property of others, and to help readers investigate where you found your information and to read your sources themselves. Properly citing your sources signals respect for your readers, your sources, and the field as a whole.

Avoiding accidental plagiarism

Few people intentionally plagiarize. More often, people accidentally plagiarize because they don't know when they need to cite or don't know how to properly cite a source. Don't let this happen to you! Here are several guides that show you when and how to cite:

- North Carolina State University Libraries: Citation—A (Very) Brief Introduction
<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/tutorials/citation/>
- University of Michigan Libraries: How Do I Effectively Integrate Textual Evidence?
<https://lsa.umich.edu/sweetland/undergraduates/writing-guides/how-do-i-effectively-integrate-textual-evidence-.html>
- Purdue Online Writing Lab MLA Style Citation Guide
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/1/>

MLA Style: The Basics

MLA Style has guidelines for in-text citations (references in the body of your writing) and for a works cited or reference list (references at the end of your paper). Below are some basic examples:

Journal Article

Works Cited:

Bialystok, Lauren. "Transgender Inclusion in Single-Sex Competition: The Case of Beauty Pageants." *Social Theory & Practice*, vol. 42, no. 3, July 2016. EBSCOhost, doi:10.5840/soctheorpract201642318. Accessed 17 April 2017.

In-text:

(Bialystok 64).

Citing Indirect Sources

Works Cited:

McAllum, Kirstie. "Managing Imposter Syndrome Among the "Trophy Kids": Creating Teaching Practices That Develop Independence in Millennial Students." *Communication Education*, vol. 65, no. 3, July 2016, doi:10.1080/03634523.2016.1177848. Accessed 17 April 2017.

In-text:

(qtd. in McAllum 25)

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Citation Practice

Spot the Difference

Looking at the two sample citations below, spot the errors and explain how they could be fixed.

White, Gwyne W, et al. "The Increasing Impact of Socioeconomics and Race on Standardized Academic Test Scores across Elementary, Middle, and High School." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, vol. 86, no. 1, Jan. 2016, pp. 10-23. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1037/ort0000122.

How could this be fixed?

Houle, Jason N. "Disparities in Debt: Parents' Socioeconomic Resources And Young Adult Student Loan Debt." *Sociology of Education*, vol. 87, no. 1, Jan. 2014, pp. 53-69. EBSCOhost, doi:10.1177/0038040713512213.

How could this be fixed?

Citation Chasing

Using the citations above or a citation in one of your books/articles for this class, see if you can find that source in WorldCat (the library catalog) using the information provided in the citation.

Create Your Own Citations

Using the scholarly sources that you've found, create citations for those sources for both a works cited entry and an in-text citation. Once you've completed the citations, swap papers with a neighbor and check each other's work.