Citing Sources

Presentation topics:

• When to cite sources
• When it is ok not to cite sources
• Ways to cite sources
• Sample MLA and APA citations

Citing sources: When do you need to?

• When you use or refer to someone else’s words or ideas.
• When you copy the exact words or a “unique phrase.”
• When you reprint any diagrams, illustrations, charts and pictures.
When is it okay **not** to cite?

- When you are writing your own experiences, your own observations, your own insights, your own thoughts, your own experimental results, or your own conclusion of a subject.
- When you are using common knowledge.
- When you are compiling generally accepted facts.

Remember, if in doubt, cite it.
Citation styles

MLA (Modern Language Association)

APA (American Psychological Association)

Ways to cite your sources

1. Citing your source within your paper.
2. Assembling a list of sources at the end of your paper.

MLA & APA handouts
Citing sources within your paper

Whenever you quote, paraphrase, summarize, or otherwise refer to the work of another.

Parenthetical citations generally include:

- Last name of the author if you are citing an entire work.
- Last name of the author and either a page or paragraph number if you are citing a specific fact or quote.
- Omit author’s name if the name is mentioned in the text.

In-text citation: MLA examples

It may be true that “in the appreciation of medieval arts, attitude of the observer is of primary importance…” (Robertson 136).

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In-text citation: APA examples

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Tanner (1987) has argued this point (pp. 178-85).
Remember…

Within the paper:
The driver said in court that when he looked up from the cell phone he was dialing he was three feet from the car and had no time to stop (Stockwell B8).

End of the paper:
Assembling a list of sources

The citation includes:

- Author (if available)
- Title
- Publisher
- Date

Where to find the information?

Title Page

1,000 Places to See Before You Die

Verso of Title Page

• Title
• Author
• Publisher Information
• Date of Publication


MLA vs. APA

MLA


APA

Another example

Title Page

Title: Selling Shaker: The Commodification of Shaker Design in the Twentieth Century
Authors: Bowe, Stephen, and Peter Richmond
Publisher: Liverpool UP, 2007

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Book editors

Western Garden Book

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE WOMAN’S SOUL

101 Stories to Open the Hearts and Rekindle the Spirit of Women

Author: Joni Ruhl
Publisher: St. Martin, 2012

MLA citation example: Work in an anthology

Kaufman, Bel. “Sunday in the Park,” Approaching Literature: Reading + Thinking + Writing, 2nd ed.
APA citation example: Work in an anthology

MLA example:

NoodleTools: Work in an anthology

NoodleTools: Anthology/Collection form pt 1
Quiz – Bibliographic Citations

Click the "Start Quiz" button to proceed.

Citing sources resources

The bibliography: MLA style


What you learned:

• When to cite sources
• When it is ok not to cite sources
• Two ways to cite sources
• Sample MLA and APA citations