

General Citation Info

What is a Source?

A source is the person/place/thing where you get the information to use for your project/paper/presentation. Your source might be a book, website, database article, interview, youtube video, or something else.

What is a citation?

A "citation" provides your audience with the information about the source you used. It usually includes at least the source's author, title, publisher info, copyright date, and URL. Sometimes it includes more or less information than that. It is a way of giving credit to individuals for their creative and intellectual works that you utilized to support your research

Why do we cite?

A "citation" is the way you tell your audience that certain material in your work came from another source. It is how you give credit to the original provider of the information and how you avoid plagiarism. A citation also tells your audience where they can find the source you used. You **must** cite all your sources.

What is a Works Cited or bibliography

Works Cited is sometimes referred to as References. In **Works Cited** you only list items you have actually referred to **and cited** in your paper. A **Bibliography** lists all of the material you have consulted in preparing your essay whether or not you have actually referred to **and cited** the **work**.

What is a Citation Style?

A citation style dictates which information is necessary, and in which format, for your citation. Your teacher will indicate which style you should use. In high school, you will usually use MLA style. You may also be asked to use APA, or chicago/turabian style.

For more information on each style, you can click the following links:

- [APA Citation Style](#)
- [MLA Citation Style](#)
- [Chicago/Turabian Citation Style](#)