

Citations

Why do we cite?

- To give credit to other people's ideas
- To enable other researchers (and our teachers) to find where we got our information from
 - So they can check the accuracy of facts
 - So they can use the same sources we used in their own research

When do we cite?

- When using a direct quote
- When paraphrasing another author's work
- When referencing someone else's opinion
- When using a fact that is not common knowledge

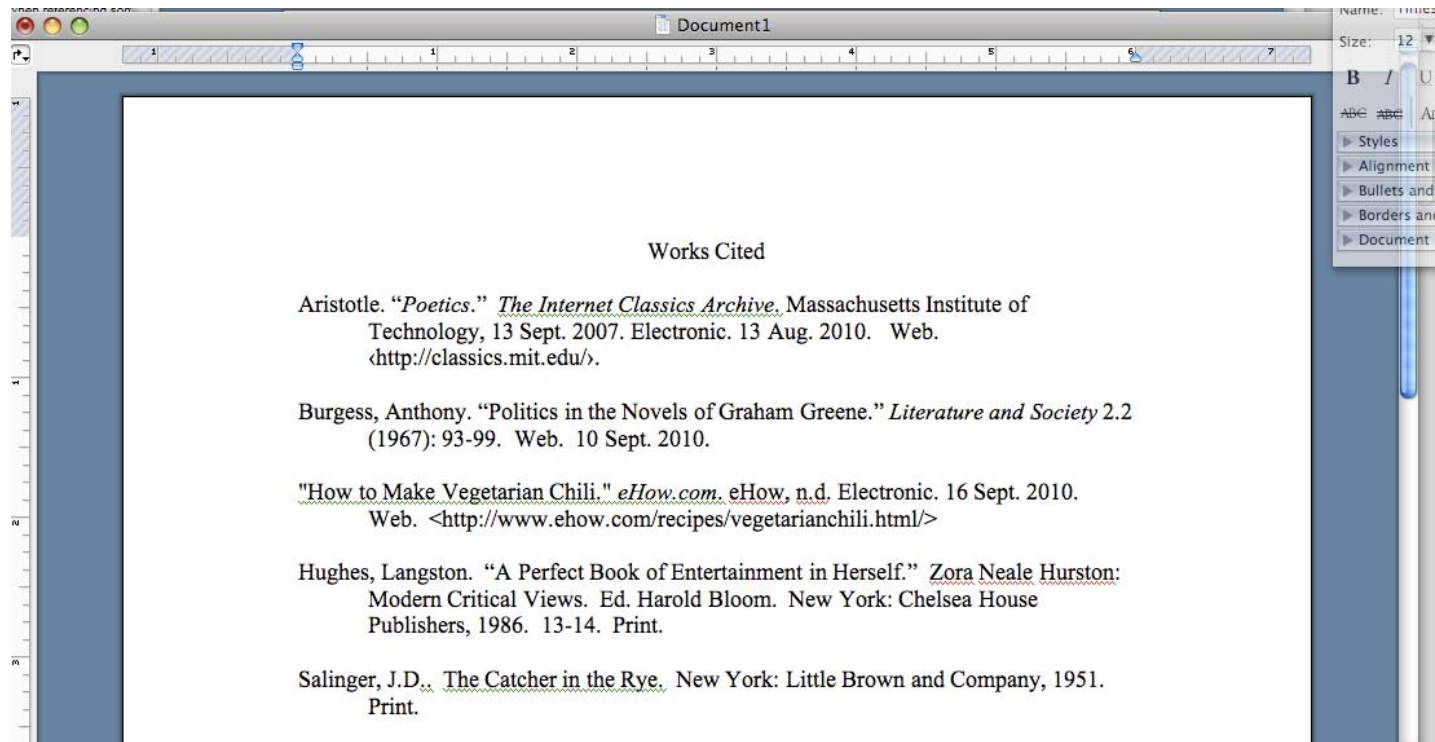
The only time you should *not* be citing a source is when discussing something that is common knowledge or your own opinion.

In Text Citations

- At the end of a sentence where you've used a source, insert a citation before the period
 - ... as Bloom suggests, fire symbolizes cleansing as well as destruction (42).
 - In the novel, "fire symbolizes cleansing as well as destruction" (Bloom 42).
- The citation or the sentence should always include the author or title of the source and a page number
 - Author is the default, title should only be used if there is no author
 - If the source has no page numbers (a website), leave them out
- The author or title should correspond to the entry in your Works Cited page so readers can find it easily

Making a Works Cited Page

- What it should look like?



- Each entry is single spaced, but double space between entries
- Organize the entries alphabetically
- The words Works Cited should always appear, centered, at the top of the page

Citing Books

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium.

Salinger, J.D.. *The Catcher in the Rye*. New York: Little Brown and Company, 1951. Print.

Citing an Article from a Reference Book

“Title of Article.” *Title of Reference Book*. Ed. Editors
Names. Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of
Publication. Page Number – Page Number.

"The Mongols." *Middle Ages Reference Library*. Ed. Judy Galens
and Judson Knight. Vol. 1: Almanac. Detroit: UXL,
2001. 133-140.

Citing an Article from a Reference Book – From an Online Database

“Title of Article.” *Title of Reference Book*. Ed. Editors Names.
Vol. #. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of
Publication. Page Number – Page Number. *Name of
Database*. Medium. Date Accessed.

"The Mongols." *Middle Ages Reference Library*. Ed. Judy Galens
and Judson Knight. Vol. 1: Almanac. Detroit: UXL, 2001.
133-140. *GaleWorld History In Context*. Web. 12 Apr. 2011.

Remember: Most online databases will have citations already
done for you – just scroll to the bottom of the page.

Citing an Article in an Academic Journal

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): pages. Medium of publication.

Bagchi, Alaknanda. "Conflicting Nationalisms: Mahasweta Devi's *Bashai Tudu*." *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature* 15.1 (1996): 41-50. Print.

Williams, Theodore. "Hitting Baseballs and Why It's Great." *The Red Sox When They Were Not Depressing* 42.8 (1960): 39-42. Print.

Citing an Article in Academic Journal from an Online Database

Author. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal* Volume.Issue (Year): pages. Name of Database. Medium of publication. Date of Access.

Wheelis, Mark. "Investigating Disease Outbreaks of Biological and Toxic Weapons." *Emerging Infectious Diseases* 6.6 (2000): 595-600. Access Science. Web. Sept. 26 2009.

Williams, Theodore. "Hitting Baseballs and Why It's Great." *The Red Sox When They Were Not Depressing* 42.8 (1960): 39-42. Gale Infotrac. Web. Sept. 26 2011.

Citing Websites

Editor or author name (if available). "Name of Web Page." *Name of Site*. Name of institution/organization affiliated with the site (sponsor or publisher), date of resource creation (if available). Medium of publication. Date of access.

Aristotle. "Poetics." *The Internet Classics Archive*. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 13 Sept. 2007. Electronic. 13 Aug. 2010. Web. <<http://classics.mit.edu/>>.

"How to Make Vegetarian Chili." *eHow.com*. eHow, n.d. Electronic. 16 Sept. 2010. Web. <<http://www.ehow.com/recipes/vegetarianchili.html/>>

Where Can I Go For Reminders?

- The OWL
 - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>
 - Search for Purdue OWL MLA
- Cornell University Library – MLA Citation
 - <http://www.library.cornell.edu/resrch/citmanage/mla>
 - Search for Cornell MLA citation
- Noodle Tools
 - <http://www.noodletools.com>