

Citation Basics

Let's get this out of the way . . .

IF YOU USE ANY MATERIAL YOU DIDN'T CREATE, YOU MUST CITE IT!!!

*Failing to do so results in plagiarism! Plagiarism IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE and can lead to EXPULSION!
Therefore, always cite:*

Paper or Electronic Materials

1. Journals, Newspaper Articles, Book Reviews, Books, Web Pages, etc.

Broadcasted or Presentation Materials

2. Class Lectures, Interviews, Radio Broadcasts, Television Broadcasts, etc.

APA STYLE, IN-TEXT CITATIONS

A basic book citation needs the author's (or authors') last name(s), year of publication, and page number(s). If citing an electronic source without page numbers, simply omit that step.

Ex. APA style is a difficult citation format for first-time learners (Jones, 1998, p. 199).

MLA STYLE, IN-TEXT CITATIONS

A basic book citation needs the author's (or authors') last name(s), followed by the page number(s). If citing an electronic source without page numbers, simply omit that step.

Ex. Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

Now that you know the basics . . .

- ✓ **Consult a style guide or style handout for further information!**
The EJW Library keeps several handouts for each style on hand.
The Owl at Purdue is an excellent web resource.
- ✓ **Before each submission, double-check your papers for citation accuracy!**
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