

HOW TO CITE YOUR SOURCES IN A RESEARCH PAPER

- Every formal research paper includes a list of **bibliographic citations** describing the books, articles and other sources consulted. This list gives credit to those whose ideas you have referred to or quoted, presents information your readers can use to find further information and gives your paper scholarly authority.
- To avoid having to track down at the last minute any missing information needed for your bibliography or list of works cited, **be sure to record the necessary information** (on file cards or in a computer file) **about every source you consult** as you are doing your research.

Here is a table of what you will need for every source consulted:

BOOKS	ARTICLES	ELECTRONIC RESOURCES
Author(s) or Editor(s)	Author	Same information as for Articles, PLUS:
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Publication City	Volume & Issue Number	Name of Database
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- Examine the following examples of the three styles of citation most commonly used at CSUDH (**APA**, **MLA** and **Turabian**) for eight different library resources commonly used in preparing course assignments and research papers.
- Uncertain which style to use for a particular assignment?

Check with your instructor. Once you know which citation style you will use for a specific paper, use only that style throughout the entire paper. Be consistent!

- Wondering whether to underline titles or use italics?

Underlining in a contemporary document often signifies to a reader that the underlined text is a hyperlink to a World Wide Web document. Current practice is therefore to avoid confusion by simply italicizing titles or other elements that would traditionally have been underlined in scholarly literature. If your instructor prefers traditional underlining, simply underline where we have used italics!

- **CITING AN ARTICLE OR CHAPTER CONTAINED IN A BOOK:**

APA	Jeffries, S. (2000). The librarian as networker: Setting the standard for higher education. In D. Raspa & D. Ward, (Eds.), <i>The collaborative imperative: Librarians and faculty working together in the information universe</i> (pp. 114-129). Chicago: American Library Association.
MLA	Jeffries, Shellie. "The Librarian as Networker: Setting the Standard for Higher Education." <i>The Collaborative Imperative: Librarians and Faculty Working Together in the Information Universe</i> . Eds. Dick Raspa and Dane Ward. Chicago: American Library Association, 2000. 114-129.
Turabian	Jeffries, Shellie. "The Librarian as Networker: Setting the Standard for Higher Education." In <i>The Collaborative Imperative: Librarians and Faculty Working Together in the Information Universe</i> , eds. Dick Raspa and Dane Ward, 114-129. Chicago: American Library Association, 2000.

- **CITING A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT:**

APA	<i>Hate crimes prevention act of 1998: Hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, 105th Cong., 2nd Sess., 1998, 1.</i>
MLA	United States. Senate. <i>Committee on the Judiciary. Hearing on the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998</i> . 105 th Cong., 2 nd Sess. S. J. Res. 1529. Washington: GPO, 1999.
Turabian	<i>U. S. Congress. Senate. Committee on the Judiciary. Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1998: Hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary, 105th Cong., 8 July, 1998.</i>

- **CITING AN ARTICLE FROM A PRINT MAGAZINE:**

APA	Truscott, L. More than just a car. (2000). <i>Fortune</i> , 18. September, pp. 183-192.
MLA	Truscott, Lucian. "More Than Just a Car." <i>Fortune</i> (2000). 18 September, 183-192.
Turabian	Truscott, Lucian. More Than Just a Car. <i>Fortune</i> , 18 September 2000, 183-192.

- **CITING AN ARTICLE FROM A PRINT JOURNAL:**

APA	Fernandez, K. & Rosen, D. (2000). The effectiveness of information and color in yellow pages advertising. <i>The Journal of Advertising</i> , 29 (2), 61-73.
MLA	Fernandez, Karen and Dennis Rosen. "The Effectiveness of Information and Color in Yellow Pages Advertising." <i>The Journal of Advertising</i> 29:2 (2000): 61-73.
Turabian	Fernandez, Karen and Dennis Rosen. "The effectiveness of information and color in yellow pages advertising." <i>The Journal of Advertising</i> 29, No. 2 (2000): 61-73.

- **CITING A PRINT OR MICROFILM NEWSPAPER ARTICLE:**

APA	Block, A. (2000, January 14). If Davis fails, Bush may be white knight. <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> , p. M1.
MLA	Block, A. G. "If Davis Fails, Bush May Be White Knight." <i>Los Angeles Times</i> 14 January, 2000, M1.
Turabian	Newspaper articles are rarely cited in a bibliography. See <u>Turabian Manual</u> for more information. Use this form if citation is needed: Block, A. G. "If Davis Fails, Bush May Be White Knight." <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , 14 January 2000, Sec. M (Opinion), p. 1.

- **CITING A JOURNAL OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE:**

APA	Bildt, C. (2001). A second chance in the Balkans. <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , 80 (1), 148+. Retrieved January 16, 2001, from EBSCO database (Academic Search Elite) on the World Wide Web: http://ehostvgw9.epnet.com/
MLA	Bildt, Carl. "A Second Chance in the Balkans." <i>Foreign Affairs</i> 80.1. (2001) 148+. Academic Search Premier. EBSCO Information Services. 16 Jan., 2001 < http://ehostvgw4.epnet.com/ >
Turabian	Bildt, Carl. "A Second Chance in the Balkans." <i>Foreign Affairs</i> , 80, No. 1 (2001). 148+. Database online. Available from EBSCO Information Services, http://ehostvgw3.epnet.com/ ; Accessed 16 January 2001.

- **CITING A WEB SITE:**

<p style="text-align: center;">APA</p>	<p>To cite an entire WWW site: simply include the address (URL) in parenthesis in the text of the paper. (A citation on your works cited or bibliography page is not required. See http://www.apastyle.org/electsource.html for more information about this requirement.)</p> <p><u>To cite a specified document from a web site:</u></p> <p>Lupack, A. (2001, January 15). Robin Hood films. <i>The Robin Hood Project</i>. Rochester, NY: The University of Rochester. Retrieved January 17, 2001 from the World Wide Web: http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/rh/rhhome.stm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MLA</p>	<p>Lupack, Alan. "Robin Hood Films." <i>The Robin Hood Project</i>. University of Rochester. 17 January 2001. <http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/rh/rhhome.stm></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Turabian</p>	<p>Lupack, Alan. "Robin Hood Films." <i>The Robin Hood Project</i>. Available from http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/rh/rhhome.stm. Accessed 17 January 2001.</p>

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