

Citations

Research Papers

A research paper is a document in which you present ideas or words from other writers on a topic. The source of these ideas **must be stated**. Usually in this paper you will also discuss your own ideas about this topic.

Cultural Differences

International Students in the United States
may believe

- ✓ that it is a compliment to authors to use their words and ideas
- ✓ that ideas can't be owned
- ✓ that there is nothing wrong with plagiarism

International Students in the United States may not

- ✓ have enough English to express a complicated idea
- ✓ know how to integrate quoted material into their paper
- ✓ know when to use quotation marks
- ✓ know when or how to cite
- ✓ know that copying another's words is viewed as cheating (McKenzie).

Direct Quotes

If you use the exact words of your source (journal, book, www), you must put those words in quotation marks and then give the author and page number in parentheses.

Example: As the writer points out in the *Vector*, “This is just one example why it is important for students to report crimes” (Gunn 1).

Paraphrasing

If you use the ideas from a source and put them in your own words (this is called paraphrasing), you must give the author and page number anyway.

Example: In her article the author discusses the importance of reporting crime on campus (Gunn 1).

Citation Format

Each source has to be cited (recognized) in **two** places:

1. within the text, in parentheses
2. on the last page, which may be titled “Works Cited” or “Bibliography.”

Example:

Works Cited

Bartholet, Jeffrey. "Gold Is Losing Its Glitter." Newsweek
July 19, 1999: 38.

Ewais, Dalya A. "Senators Spend Weekend Training and
Planning." The Vector 22 September 1999: 1.

Kishlansky, Mark A., ed. Sources of the West. New York:
Harper Collins College Publishers, 1995.

"Txport." Bell Atlantic. 28 January 1999,
<<http://www.bell-atl.com/year2000/cfei.htm>>

Important

Remember that, in a research essay,
most of the writing is your own words.
The essay should not be just a
collection of quotations pasted together.

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<www.geocities.com/mg_classroom/plag.html>