Guide to Planning your Research - Citations & Plagiarism

Step 1: Define subject:

A citation is a brief description of one specific information source, usually appearing in a bibliography, list of references, or a database. It includes enough information to permit the reader to find the source and may appear in a number of variant formats, e.g. American Psychological Association (APA), Modern Language Association (MLA), Council of Biology Editors (CBE), or Chicago Style.

The OED Online defines plagiarism as the wrongful appropriation or purloining, and publication as one's own, of the ideas, or the expression of the ideas (literary, artistic, musical, mechanical, etc.) of another, but what does plagiarism mean in the context of Lamar State College - Port Arthur?

Plagiarism occurs when a student, with intent to deceive or with reckless disregard for proper scholarly procedures, presents any information, ideas or phrasing of another as if they were his/her own and/or does not give appropriate credit to the original source. Proper scholarly procedures require that all quoted material be identified by quotation marks or indentation on the page, and the source of information and ideas, if from another, must be identified and be attributed to that source. Students are responsible for learning proper scholarly procedures.

Plagiarism charges can be brought against you for the following offenses:

- Copying, quoting, paraphrasing, or summarizing from any source without adequate documentation
- Purchasing a pre-written paper (either by mail or electronically)
- Letting someone else write a paper for you
- Paying someone else to write a paper for you
- Submitting as your own someone else's unpublished work, either with or without permission

See the links in the menu on the right to learn more about avoiding plagiarism.

Handbooks:

- Chicago Manual of Style
- A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers
- Cite Right: A Quick Guide to Citation Styles-MLA, APA, Chicago, the sciences, professions, and more
- Concise Rules of APA Style
- MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers
- Webster's New World Student Writing Handbook

- REF. Z 253 .U69 2010
- LB 2369 .TB 2007
- PN 171 .F56 L55 2006
- BF 76.7 .C66 2010
- LB 22369 .G53 2009
- BF 76.7 .P83 2001
- PE 1408 .S6577 2000

- Above titles represent other titles in same location and call number range

Step 2: Vocabulary or Thesaurus

Dictionaries:

- Above titles represent other titles in same location and call number range

Step 3: Sources of information: collections of books & videos (library catalog)

Gates Memorial Library Catalog

Cite it right: the SourceAid guide to citation, research, and avoiding plagiarism (book)

Author: Fox, Tom
Call Number: PN 171 .F56 F79 2007
Location: STACKS
Publisher: Prescott, AZ : Hohm Press c1996
Availability: Available for Circulation
Quotes and citations [Videorecording - VHS and DVD]

Author: Berkow, Peter
Call Number: PE 1408 .Q86 2000
Location: INQUIRE AT CIRCULATION DESK
Publisher: Philadelphia, PA: Classical Pilates Inc. c2006
Availability: Available for Circulation

Periodicals: magazines, newspapers & journals

PERIODICAL DATABASES

Online information databases are large, regularly updated collections of digitized information -- including but not limited to abstracts and full text articles from journals and newspapers, conference proceedings and submitted papers, dissertations, government reports, essays, book chapters, web pages, etc. The content is created by publishers who release print versions, then lease the rights to their information to database vendors. Database records are easy to search and retrieve because the content of each record has been analyzed and assigned appropriate subject headings, keywords, names, etc. New records are regularly downloaded from the producer of each database. All databases have a cite icon to use to provide the correct format for citing articles. Gates Memorial Library Databases

Citation and Plagiarism Resources on the Web (associations, universities, organizations, etc.)

Citing Information
Citing Sources and Avoiding Plagiarism - Duke University
Plagiarism: What It is and How To Recognize and Avoid It
Purdue Online Writing Lab - Avoiding Plagiarism
Research and Citation Resources - Purdue

Citing Sources
Each website provides "How to cite" for each article but these sites provide more information for citing various media (books, databases, websites, etc.)

The guides and links in this section will enable persons to properly use in body citations and create works cited or bibliography pages.

- Citation Guides Resources Page
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- Referencing Tool
- Son of Citation Machine
- Turabian Style
- University of California Berkeley (APA, MLA, Chicago)

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