

Citing Sources in EA30

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1 Why Cite Sources?

Citing sources is how we enter a scholarly conversation – it’s also how we provide evidence or counter evidence for an argument.

2 Author-Year: Claims about what is important

By documenting our sources as author-year we are implicitly identifying two “signifiers” where the author’s credentials are important and that the year has some significance. By using this method, readers can immediately recognize (if they are also ‘of authority’) that you are engaging the appropriate authors.

Warning: If you are citing the wrong person, it will set you back in the mind of the reader! What do I mean by the wrong person? In general, when we cite a person, we cite them because they made the contribution to the topic. Do not cite people for stuff that might have been knowledge produced by another.

3 Selecting a Consistent Style

There are many styles used reference your sources. These include familiar ones, such as the APA (American Psychology Association), CMOS (Chicago Manual of Style) and MLA (Modern Language Association), each style has a different emphasis:

MLA The humanities place emphasis on authorship, so most MLA citation involves recording the author’s name in the physical text.

APA The social sciences place emphasis on the date a work was created, so most APA citation involves recording the date of a particular work in the physical text.

CMOS includes two systems for citation: a notes and bibliography (NB) system and an author-date (AD) system. This poster displays citations in

the NB system, which is used in most history courses. The primary difference between the two systems citations is that in AD, the publication year follows the authors name. History places great emphasis on source origins, so footnotes and endnotes are used to demonstrate on-page where a particular piece of information comes from.

For our purposes, we will rely on the guidelines set up the the Council of Scientific Editors (CSE) method.

4 Implementing CSE

There are a number of sources for this citation format. Here are some good sources that can help:

- The Writer's Handbook: CSE Name-Year Documentation, University of Wisconsin
- CSE Name-Year Citation Style Guide

5 What is an Annotated Bibliography?

An annotation is a summary and/or evaluation. Therefore, an annotated bibliography includes a summary and evaluation of each of the sources. In this course, you annotations will do the following.

Summarize Summarize the source. What are the main arguments? What is the point of the book or article? What topics are covered? If someone asked what this article/book is about, what would you say? The length of your annotations will determine how detailed your summary is – for our purpose this should be less then 10 sentences and should include the following:

- What questions is being addressed in the text?
- What where the methods used?
- What are the main take home points?

Assess After summarizing the source, evaluate it. Is it a useful source? How does it compare with other sources in your bibliography? Is the information reliable? Is this source biased or objective? What is the goal of this source? What make the author(s) an authority in the field?

Reflect Once the article has been summarized and assessed a source, we need to ask how it fits into our research projects. Was this source helpful to you? How does it help you shape your argument? How can you use this source in your research project? Has it changed how you think about your topic?

6 Examples of CSE Style

6.1 In-line Citation Format

Often the citation is at the end of the sentence:

The rapid discovery of the unique mechanisms underlying crown gall disease demonstrated how quickly an area could advance given significant investment and competition (Zambryski 1988).

When there are two authors, the format changes a bit:

Initial infection of tubers by *H. solani* occurs in the field either from the seed tuber (Jellis and Taylor 1977) or soil (Merida and Loria 1994).

6.2 In-line Citations – Multiple Authors

When there are multiple authors, we use the et al. (NOTE: et is a word, al. is an abbreviation!)

Similarly, a series of epidemiological studies of *P. syringae* as a bean epiphyte and pathogen by Hirano and Upper laid the foundation for elegant experiments showing that type III secreted effectors and the Gac regulon are each critical for epiphytic fitness in the field; these important phenotypes were invisible in the controlled environment of a growth chamber (Upper and Hirano 1996; Hirano et al. 1997, 1999).

6.3 Using the author(s) as subjects in the sentence

Holden (2020) refuted this claim by demonstrating the greenhouse gas emissions are difficult to control during forest fires.

6.4 In-line Quotes

Quoted text requires that the page number be identified:

Farmers participating in these knowledge networks, Hassanein writes, "challenged the power relations in agricultural knowledge production and distribution by relying on their own and members' experiential knowledge" (Hassanein 1997, 304).

Similarly, Hayward, Simpson, and Wood (2004:95) describe "a mythologizing of the power of participatory methodologies to accomplish problem solving, emancipation or empowerment."

6.5 Bibliography or Endnote Format

Allen C, Prior P, Hayward AC. 2005. Bacterial wilt: the disease and the *Ralstonia solanacearum* species complex. St. Paul (MN): APS Press 508 p.

Flores-Cruz Z, Allen C. 2011. Necessity of OxyR for the hydrogen peroxide stress response and full virulence in *Ralstonia solanacearum*. *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 77(18):6426-6432.

Bennett AB, Gratton C. 2013. Floral diversity increases beneficial arthropod richness and decreases variability in arthropod community composition. *Ecol Appl* [Internet]. [cited 12 Sep 2013];23(1):86-95. Available from: <http://labs.russell.wisc.edu/gratton/files/2013Applications.pdf>

ASAP: systematic annotation package for community analysis of genomes [Internet]. 2013. Madison (WI): University of Wisconsin-Madison; [cited 2013 Sep 12]. Available from <http://www.genome.wisc.edu/tools/asap.htm>

Note: There is no period when for URLs but there are for the prior part of the citation.

7 Reference Libraries

7.1 Endnote

7.2 Zotero

7.3 Jabref

7.4 Mendeley

7.5 Refworks

8 Integrating Word Processors and Cited References

8.1 Endnote and Word

8.2 L^AT_EX and Jabref

8.3 Mendeley and Word