

Summary:

There are various reasons to keep track of your sources: verification, plagiarism check, making connections, and documentation. For verification, you can use your sources to check facts. You can also ensure that you are not plagiarizing unintentionally, make connections with different sources, and be prepared to document your source in the final paper. There are many strategies for organizing your sources. You can use email, bookmark them, use social bookmarking tools like diigo, copy/paste the websites into a word document, and screen capture and save it as an image file into a word document. Its also recommended to create a working bibliography.

Evaluating a source stems deeper than simply looking at it. To decide if your source is suitable you need to look at multiple factors.

1. Relevance: is it related to the research question?
2. Credibility: is the author trustworthy?
3. Purpose
4. Target Audience
5. Genre
5. Use of evidence
7. Citations

Response: I believe it is very important to keep track of your sources. The main reason it would benefit me in my research is because of its simplicity and the organization is provides. It would also help me to avoid plagiarizing. Evaluating a source is also important as well. I was having trouble picking out which research papers where credible so this helped me very much.

Question: What are the best ways to understand a author's intent?