

Choosing a Citation Manager

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Citation Managers General Points

- **Today we'll be discussing Zotero, Mendeley, and EndNote**
- **Most have the same base functionalities**
- **Small advantages and drawbacks to each**



Key Questions:

- **What type of information am I trying to cite?**
- **Where is the information I am trying to cite hosted/stored?**
- **Who will I want to share my citations with?**
- **Are there any other special considerations?**



	Endnote	Zotero	Mendeley
Developer	Clarivate Analytics	Center for History and New Media/George Mason University	Elsevier, Inc.
Website	Endnote: www.endnote.com and/or Endnote Web: www.myendnoteweb.com	www.zotero.org	www.mendeley.com
Cost	Desktop version Web version - free to U-Idaho	Free as Firefox-based plugin or Zotero Standalone desktop application with plugins for Chrome and Safari	Free for use/basic storage (more storage available for fees, a.k.a. freemium)
Word Processor Integration	MS Word	MS Word and Open Office	MS Word and Open Office
Attach files (PDF) to references	Yes	Yes	Yes
Extract metadata from a PDF	Older versions: Yes - if connected to Internet	Yes - if connected to internet	Yes
Citing from Web	Yes - install bookmark	Yes	Yes - install bookmark
Sharing w/ Colleagues	Yes	Yes	Yes
Direct Export from databases	Yes; e.g. Web of Science "endnote" link	Yes; e.g. Web of Science "other" link	Yes.
Transfer libraries	Yes - use .ris, .bib or Endnote XML	Yes - use .ris or .bib	Yes - use .ris or .bib or Endnote XML
Learning Curve	Moderate	Easiest	Easy



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<p>Very Good Good Adequate</p>	<p>publication city. *</p> <p>Webpages (Adequate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mendeley will import some metadata from webpages, but you may have to go back and add in the author's name, publication year, and other information. * <p>YouTube videos (Adequate)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mendeley will import some metadata from YouTube videos, but you may have to go back and add in the author's name, date it was posted, and other information. * <p>* Always double-check your entries to ensure that complete details about the item have been imported. Mendeley is excellent at capturing metadata from PDFs, but not as thorough with other sources.</p>	<p>Zotero may leave out information such as the publication city and edition. *</p> <p>Webpages (Good)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zotero will import most of the metadata from webpages, but you may have to add or edit elements like publication date and author. * <p>YouTube videos (Very Good)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zotero will import almost all of the metadata from YouTube videos. You may need to edit the information depending on the citation style you use. * <p>* Always double-check your entries to ensure that complete details about the item have been imported. Zotero is excellent at capturing metadata from PDFs, but not as thorough with other sources.</p>
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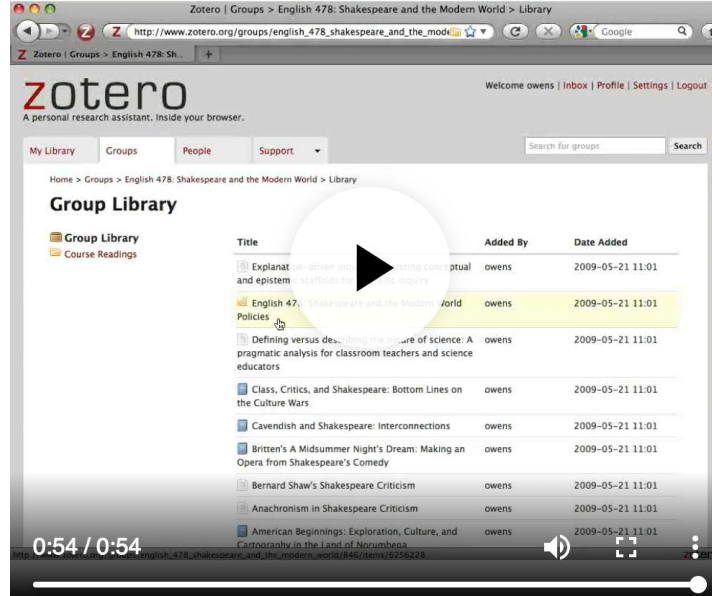
- **Zotero is freeware and is built with pain-free citing from the web in mind**
- **Mendeley is well-reviewed for PDF's, can even annotate PDFs**
- **Cross-compatible, but via export/import RIS file**



Mendeley Groups Function



Zotero Groups Function



The screenshot shows the Zotero web interface in a browser window. The address bar displays the URL: http://www.zotero.org/groups/english_478_shakespeare_and_the_modern_world. The page title is "Zotero | Groups > English 478: Shakespeare and the Modern World > Library". The Zotero logo is at the top left, and the text "A personal research assistant. Inside your browser." is below it. On the right, there are links: "Welcome owens | Inbox | Profile | Settings | Logout". Below the logo, there are tabs: "My Library", "Groups", "People", and "Support". A search bar is on the right with the text "Search for groups" and a "Search" button. The main content area shows the breadcrumb "Home > Groups > English 478: Shakespeare and the Modern World > Library" and the heading "Group Library". Under "Group Library", there are two sub-headings: "Group Library" and "Course Readings". A table of items is displayed with columns: "Title", "Added By", and "Date Added". The table contains several items, with the second item, "English 478: Shakespeare and the Modern World Policies", highlighted in yellow. A large play button icon is overlaid on the table. At the bottom of the browser window, a video player interface is visible, showing a progress bar at "0:54 / 0:54" and a volume icon.

Title	Added By	Date Added
Explanatory-driven learning: scaffolding conceptual and epistemological inquiry	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
English 478: Shakespeare and the Modern World Policies	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Defining versus describing the nature of science: A pragmatic analysis for classroom teachers and science educators	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Class, Critics, and Shakespeare: Bottom Lines on the Culture Wars	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Cavendish and Shakespeare: Interconnections	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Britten's A Midsummer Night's Dream: Making an Opera from Shakespeare's Comedy	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Bernard Shaw's Shakespeare Criticism	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
Anachronism in Shakespeare Criticism	owens	2009-05-21 11:01
American Beginnings: Exploration, Culture, and Cartography in the Land of Norumbega	owens	2009-05-21 11:01



Additional Resources

- <https://www.library.yorku.ca/web/research-learn/citations/zotero-vs-mendeley-comparison/>
- Importing from one to another:
<https://guides.lib.unc.edu/c.php?g=9333&p=46047>
- Email Marco at marcosv@uidaho.edu
- This presentation: <https://tinyurl.com/vandalcitation>



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