

Citations Guide

For your written assignments in this course it is necessary to cite your sources according to academic citation practices. Unfortunately, these are a little bit annoying to get a handle on. Fortunately, you will only be citing one thing, Malory Nye's *Religion: The Basics*.

Since we only have one source you are not required to provide a bibliography, but you do need to cite in the body of your text.

What does a citation look like?

We are using Chicago author-date citations which look like this:

Open bracket, last name of author, year of publication, comma, page cited, close bracket

(Nye 2008, 45)

The period that ends your sentence always comes after your citation, even if your quote contains the end of a sentence.

When do I use a citation?

You must provide a citation every time you directly quote from a source. For example:

According to Nye, Maurice Bloch suggests “that the study of religion would be better framed as the study of ritual” (Nye 2008, 130).

You must also use a citation every time you paraphrase an idea from your source, even if you do not quote it directly. For example:

According to Nye, Maurice Bloch suggests that when we study religion what we are really doing is studying ritual (Nye 2008, 130).

Even though I only used the idea, I still need to provide a citation. When in doubt, cite your source.