

WHY CITE SOURCES?

You have two kinds of reasons for doing the work to create citations that are complete, accurate, and in the proper format.

First are the reasons that all researchers share:

1. To be honest about what you did and what you borrowed.
2. To assure readers that they can trust your evidence.
3. To tell readers which earlier researchers informed your work.
4. To help readers follow or extend your research.

Second are the more immediate, self-interested reasons:

5. To avoid having your grade lowered.
6. To avoid failing your course, being charged with plagiarism, and losing your teacher's trust.