Student Resource 4.9

Guide: Citing Sources

Use this guide to help you cite references correctly. It is useful for all of the reports you write in high school and college. It is also the way health professionals cite their sources of information when they submit their work for publication.

Creating a List of References

Any source you use for information in your article must be included in the list of references at the end. You want to cite the information in a way that would allow someone else to look it up easily. Here are some checklists for information to keep track of while you’re researching:

**For a printed book, newspaper, or magazine:**

* Names of authors, in alphabetical order.
* Title of book, magazine, or newspaper. Put the title in italics.
* If a magazine, include volume and issue numbers.
* If a book, include the publisher.
* Publication date.
* Page numbers where you found the information.

Example of a book:

Erickson, John. *An Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology,* 103–107. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, 2010.

Example of a magazine:

McMillian, Tracie. “The New Face of Hunger: Why Are People Malnourished in the Richest Country on Earth?” *National Geographic Magazine,* July 18, 2014: 47-72.

**For a website:**

* Authors, if they are named
* Name of website
* URL of website
* Date of publication, if available
* Date that you accessed the website in parentheses

Example:

“All About Rosacea.” National Rosacea Society website, <http://www.rosacea.org/patients/allaboutrosacea.php> (accessed January 10, 2014).

Put your references in alphabetical order according to last names of authors or the first letter of the title if no author is given.