

Avoiding plagiarism: Referencing

What is referencing?

Also known as *citation*, referencing is the acknowledgement of your sources of information, by providing information about each source, such as author, title, date of publication, etc.

Why reference?

When you acknowledge your sources of information,

- readers can find the original sources
- the authors of the original sources are given credit for their work
- your own research is made clear
- your work has credibility
- you **avoid plagiarism**, which is a very serious academic offence.

How to reference

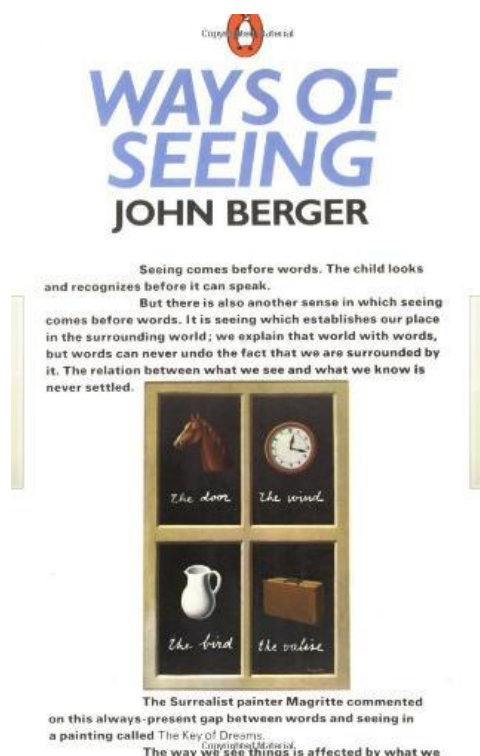
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Common referencing styles

On pages 3–4, you will find examples of each style, citing a **book with one author**. (For other kinds of sources, please refer to the websites listed.)

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1. John Berger, *Ways of Seeing* (London: Penguin, 1972), 8.

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Follow the links above for detailed referencing style guides available online. A Google search should turn up guides to other styles. You can also use the following websites that auto-format references according to certain styles. Always check results for accuracy.

<http://citationmachine.net/>

<http://www.bibme.org/>

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Exercise

For each of the reference sources below, choose **one** of the above styles and write its entry for Works Cited/Reference List/Bibliography, etc. (i.e. the list at the end of your paper). You will need to refer to the website(s) for the style you have chosen.

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1. <http://amzn.com/0553380168>
2. <http://amzn.com/1585423319>
3. <http://amzn.com/0307741915> (chapter by Laurie R. Santos)

Online sources:

1. <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0071226>
(scholarly journal)
2. <http://www.badsience.net/2011/11/why-wont-professor-greenfield-publish-this-theory-in-a-scientific-journal/>
(website)
3. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/30/science/mountain-populations-offer-clues-to-human-evolution.html?smid=pl-share>
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