

Some guidance when citing and referencing the works of Sigmund Freud

Background to Reference Citation

The Trust, in line with most UK universities including University of East London, recommends the use of the Harvard 'style' of reference citation for all academic papers including theses, essays and projects. When writing your essay or thesis detailed and precise information needs to be given about the sources used for the work. This information must be stated within the text (citation) and within a reference list. This allows anyone reading the work to locate the information used, to give credit to other authors whose works have been quoted or referred to and to check the evidence on which an argument or discussion is based. It also avoids charges of plagiarism - which is a serious offence – whereby another person's work or ideas are used and presented as one's own without referencing the source. A piece of work will also usually include a bibliography which lists not only the sources consulted but also any material used in the preparation of the work.

Guidance on reference citation

The standard published guidance text on how to cite references in the Harvard style is available in the book *Cite them right. The essential referencing guide* by Richard Pears and Graham Shields. This is a text in the Palgrave Study Skills series and is published in a new edition approximately every two years. The Tavistock and Portman Library has hard copies available for reference and loan in its study skills section at **JJE**. The Library at the University of East London also has an electronic edition available on their website via <http://www.uel.ac.uk/> - a UEL username and password is required to access this. If you do not have this contact your Tavistock and Portman course administrator or UEL directly.

Citing works by Sigmund Freud

Quoting from and referencing the work of Freud can be a little tricky because the works are available in various published editions and formats.

1) Hogarth Press – Complete Psychological Works (print format)

The main complete edition of the work of Freud was published by Hogarth Press in 24 volumes: Freud, S. *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud*. London, Hogarth Press. This set was also published in paperback in 2001 by Vintage Press.

When citing references to these volumes you need to cite the volume of the Hogarth Press publication, date of the original paper/work and the date of the Hogarth Press volume. If you are citing many references from Freud you must give the full reference the first time and then for subsequent volumes you can reference it as Standard Edition plus volume number with an explanatory note:

Freud, S. (1920) Beyond the pleasure principle. In: *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud. Vol. 18.* London, Hogarth Press, 1955. p. 3-64.

(all following references to the complete works will be abbreviated to *Standard Edition*)

Freud, S. (1920) Beyond the pleasure principle. In: *Standard Edition Vol. 18.* London, Hogarth Press, 1955. p. 3-64

Citing in text: In *Beyond the pleasure principle* Freud noted that “...” (Freud, 1920, SE18, p. 45)

2) **Pelican (Penguin) Freud Library (print format)**

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s Freud’s works were also published in paperback in 15 volumes as the Pelican (and then the Penguin) Freud Library (abbreviated to PFL). This collection is slightly abridged and does not necessarily follow the sequence used by the Hogarth published set but is roughly chronological in order. When citing from this collection the format is:

Freud, S. (1920) Beyond the pleasure principle. In: *Penguin Freud Library Vol. 11. On metapsychology: the theory of psychoanalysis.* London, Penguin, 1984. p. 275-338.

Citing in text: In *Beyond the pleasure principle* Freud noted that “...” (Freud, 1920, PFL11 p. 281)

3) **PEP Archive**

The third resource for Freud is the PEP (Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing) Archive – an online full-text resource based on the Hogarth Press edition of the Complete Psychological Works. However, with most papers the PEP Archive does not give page numbers and this requires a slightly different way of citing both within the text as well as the list of references. You must also note the date you viewed the electronic archive. It is recommended that if you use PEP Archive as your resource for Freud you follow the same Harvard style of citing but with some slight changes:

Freud, S. (1920) Beyond the pleasure principle. In: *The standard edition of the complete psychological works of Sigmund Freud. Vol. 18.* Viewed on PEP Archive [online] via EBSCOHost <http://search.ebscohost.com/> (authenticated resource). No pagination is given within this resource. (Accessed 15 January

2012)

Citing in text: Freud (1901) described his thinking thus: “The experience with Herr K.—his making love to her and the insult to her honour which was involved—seems to provide in Dora's case the psychical trauma which Breuer and I declared long ago to be the indispensable prerequisite for the production of a hysterical disorder”.
[Freud, 1905[1901], SE7, PEPArchive]