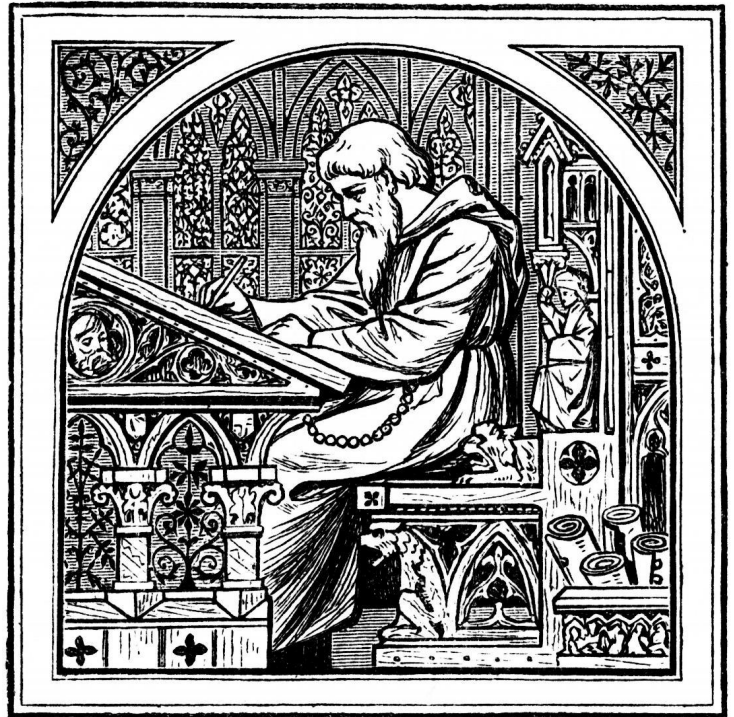


Humans haven't always had the ability to write. In fact, in all of human history, we've only been writing down our ideas for a relatively short period of time. This innovation in technology and communication has allowed humankind to flourish and build off of existing knowledge at an ever-increasing pace.<sup>1</sup>

Before you begin your research into just how long we've been writing, and significant advancements made in this field, you'll want to know a few things about citing your work. Without proper citations you will be plagiarizing content, which is a serious academic offense. From this point on, properly citing your sources will be an important part of your assignment grade.

Once you have an understanding of how to cite the work you find in your research you may begin your assignment below. It would be wise to write your citations as you go so that you don't have to go back at the end and track them all down again.



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