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Learning the rules of documentation is difficult. I often schedule days where I work with students on their research.

**Research Topic:**

## Avoiding Plagiarism: Courtesy, Credibility, and Credit

### Courtesy

It is an act of courtesy to thank an author whose thoughts, words, or ideas you used in your paper. A proper citation is the way you say "thank you" in an academic paper.

A proper citation is also an act of courtesy to your readers because it allows them to easily locate your reference if they want more information.

### Credibility

Proper citations establish your credibility because they demonstrate the extent of your research as well as the quality of the materials on which you are basis your thesis.

### Credit

Giving credit to others by using a proper citation is a requirement for academic integrity. If you do not give credit, you are guilty of plagiarism. If you are guilty of plagiarism because you do not give credit to your sources, you could fail the course or even be expelled from college.

### Assignment

Complete this assignment using the information found in

- Writing a Proper Citation  
<http://writing.stevenberg.info/tutorials/citations/>

Find one book and one Internet site (other than an encyclopedia) about your research topic. Then prepare a proper citation for them. You can write the citation on the back of this page.



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