

Research Activity 4: Citation

Citation Obsession? Get Over It!

I found this piece to reflect what I have thought in almost every class I have taken here at Salt Lake Community College. Why do I have to worry so much about what the works cited looks like at the end? Sometimes I spend too much time trying to get as much information for the specific style that I end up not being able to focus on technical details of the paper. Personally I think the who, what, and where should be included in the works cited space. As long as it is easy to figure out and find the information that is being cited I think it doesn't matter how it is placed on the page. I do respect having a specific way to cite so why don't we narrow it all down to one or two ways? Why do we need to have multiple forms of citation? Are we just making them up as we go along?

Everything Changes, or Why MLA Isn't (Always) Right

This piece answered a question I had when reading the previous article. Why are there so many different citation styles? Now I know that there are so many because each one caters to a specific industry. For example one way of citing works well for a scientific journal but wouldn't work as well for a scholarly journal. I would have been interested to know who determines the guidelines to citation styles since the author mentioned that MLA is constantly changing. Sometimes I don't know if what I am doing is right because with the amount of work that is being given to our instructors they don't have enough time to read through and evaluation all of it. The papers I wrote last semester had a works cited page and one of the instructors asked for a specific way to cite. I wasn't sure if I did it right but I didn't end up getting any sort of response, so I took it as having completed the work cited to their liking. Also, with my previous English class the instructor was overwhelmed and I don't think he had time to read through all of our papers and look over our work's cited. This piece mentioned not using the work's cited generator but my previous English teacher would put an emphasis on the feature and encourage us to use it.

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