

# YORKWAC Infobase

## Citing Sources

Citing sources means giving the reader information about where your evidence comes from.

### Why cite sources?

- To allow the reader to find the original source of the information
- To demonstrate to the reader that your research paper or other writing assignment is well researched and documented
- To give credit where credit is due

*If you don't cite sources, you may be guilty of **plagiarism**, which means using other people's words, ideas, or data without giving them proper credit.*

### Citing a source is a two-part process

#### 1. *In-text or parenthetical citation*

This appears in the body of your paper and tells the reader where to look for the complete citation in the bibliography at the end of the paper.

#### *Example of an in-text citation using APA style*

Howell (2008) reported that "Black infants in the United States are more than twice as likely to die as White infants in the first year of life" (p. 31).

#### 2. *Entry in the list of references or works cited*

This appears in the complete bibliography at the end of your paper, where you list all the sources you have used and cited.

#### *Example of an entry in the list of references using APA style*

Howell, E. A. (2008). Racial Disparities in Infant Mortality: A Quality of Care Perspective. *Mount Sinai Journal of Medicine*, 75, 31-35.

The **YORKWAC Infobase** includes many other Infosheets that can help you with your writing assignment.

Infosheet #21, In-text Citations Using APA Style

Infosheet #22, Listing References Using APA Style