Why Cite?

Citing the work that supports your research is both an ethical issue and a legal issue.

The ethics of citing is based on the scholarly tradition of giving credit for information and ideas that are not one’s own. Science has a long tradition of acknowledging priority through citations. You have the ethical responsibility to cite all works that were used to support your research, to give credit to the earlier work and to provide a clear path for those who follow in your footsteps. As so eloquently expressed by Isaac Newton in a letter to Robert Hooke in 1675 (Merton 1965),

If I have seen further it is by standing on ye sholders of Giants.

The legal issues of citing one’s sources are codified in Copyrights, Title 17 of the U.S. Code, which describes the legal protections of authors’ and creators’ intellectual property rights.


Plagiarism Defined

"The action or practice of taking someone else's work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own; literary theft" (OED Online 2006).


Peer Review Defined

"The process by which an academic journal passes a paper submitted for publication to independent experts for comments on its suitability and worth." (OED Online 2005):

1975 New Eng. Jnl. Med. 25 Dec. 1372/1 In many departments of this Journal, the reader will find reports that have passed the muster of peer review. Usually two, but occasionally three or four, experts on the topic of an article will be asked to evaluate its validity, originality and presentation.


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Science Writing & Style Manuals


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