Research and Ethics

--Do your work with integrity.
--Respect your sources.
--Be fair to your subject and to your readers.
--Do not plagiarize.
This is what researchers, students, and libraries do:

collect, evaluate, organize, create, and disseminate knowledge.

Think.
Don’t just grab some quotes from some sources.
“scholarly communication may be seen as a process that starts with a research idea and ends with a peer reviewed scientific publication being cited by other researchers, starting the process all over again with new ideas and new publications. Citations are part of formal scholarly communication” (Holmberg 1).

Work Cited

Library research assignments need information sources.
What is a “source”?

When you look up something, whether you use a book, an article, a website—these are all information “sources.”

When you use that source in your own work, you acknowledge it in a citation and a list of works cited.
The 5-part formula for sources

- Author
- Title
- Source--Publisher/Journal Title/Media
- Date
- Medium—print, web, etc.
  - Varies by style. Consult a handbook.

Memorize this formula. It is the basis for all citation styles. Use it to take source notes.
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Here are several tutorials for library research help and a link to the MLA International Bibliography. In the library, call numbers in class P are language and literature. PN is the subclass for references and books organized by genre subjects. PR is for English literature, and PS is for the American lit subclass.

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- English 1002
- English 1002 career paper (Dr. Langlois)

The MLA International Bibliography, an online index with some full-text article links, is the standard database for literature research.

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- Basic APA Style from Purdue OWL
- Basic MLA style from Purdue OWL

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...and may earn you an F or a zero on a project or in a course, suspension or expulsion from the university, even get you arrested for stealing intellectual property.

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...BUT it’s easy to avoid:

- Cite **every** source. Use the 5-part formula and a standard format.

- In your writing, cite **all** material you either copy, paraphrase, summarize, or refer to.

- Put quoted or pasted material in quotation marks.

- If you use an online citation generator, check it to ensure it has made no errors. Even computer software makes mistakes.
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