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## What is citation?

Citation is a system by which an author provides a list of the sources they used to create their work, like a research paper. Citations always follow a formal style so they can be read, understood, and followed to the original source by anyone reading the work.

## What is MLA Style?

In short, MLA is one of the many writing styles that are used in the academic world. It is most commonly used in the liberal arts and humanities disciplines.

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