



“But How Do I Know That? Cite Your Sources!”

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Does documentation sound about as much fun as going to the dentist? Have you been happily collecting family information and now don't know where it all came from? Don't panic! Find out how to work with what you have, how to make citing your sources a natural part of your research habits (and why you should), and how to find a citation style that works for you. Gay Carter will use examples from a variety of works to illustrate the “dos” and “don'ts” of documentation. She'll also include tips from the experts, showing you how to adapt the ideal to the practical.

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