



How to: Cite your Sources

Those of you doing research for projects at Senior or Junior cycle – especially history - will need to know how to properly cite your sources.

All the content in your work that has not been created by you personally, by definition, belongs to someone else. Presenting someone else's work as your own is known as plagiarism, whether you do so intentionally or accidentally

As you go through your essay or research project, you may want to check your sources of information again, so having it noted in a bibliography makes it a lot easier to do than scrambling through a drawer full of post-its!

You will get into a really good habit of jotting down notes as you go along, which is a great way of making your time at 3rd Level, where note-taking on the fly is essential, a lot easier. This habit is also very handy for your future working life where recording relevant details in the course of a project, is often part and parcel of most jobs.

Your **bibliography** goes at the very end of your work and should be in alphabetical order by last name of the author or creator. There are several referencing styles in use, but by far the most common are Chicago or Harvard. One of the easiest to use is probably Chicago, which you will see used below:

Citing sources in Chicago style

Books

Last name, first name. Title of book in italics. Place of publication:
Name of publisher, Year book was published.

Example:

Spicer, Sean. *The Briefing*. London: Biteback Publishing Ltd, 2018.

Journals

Journal citations are slightly more labour intensive! If you are using journal articles from hard copy, Google Scholar or JSTOR or another academic location, you should enter them into your bibliography in this format:

Last name, first name. "Title of article in speech marks." Name of journal in italics, volume number, issue number (year article was published in parenthesis, page numbers listed by the article.

Example:

Manning, Cian. "Contrary to Natural Justice: Mohammed Ali Somjee and the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act, 1956." *History Ireland*, volume 28, issue 2 (2020), 46-48.

Web Sites

Please enter web sites into your bibliography in this format:

Last name, first name. "Title of online article in speech marks." Name of Web Site providing the content. Date the web page was published or last modified. Full website link

Example:

Clanchy, Kate. "Making Poetry Optional in GCSE English Literature is Out of Tune with the Times" The Guardian. 5th Aug 2020.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2020/oct/24/penguin-random-house-launches-project-to-boost-diversity-in-gcse-reading-lists>

TV Shows or Documentaries

There are often documentaries or television shows that are useful to your research, so you should include them in this format:

TV series name or name of documentary in italics. "Episode Title in speech marks." Episode number [if applicable]. First name, Last name of director. First name, Last name of writer [if applicable]. Name of network, Date of original air date.

Example

The Last Dance. Directed by Jason Hehir. Netflix, 19th July, 2020.

Personal interviews

In the course of a research project, it is often the case that you need to interview somebody personally. If you did so, you should include the interview in this format:

Name of the interviewee and interviewer, place and date of the interview (if known), location of any tapes or transcripts (if known). Example:

Joe Bloggs, interviewed by Aileen Ivory, Dublin, 15th October, 2020

The final thing to remember is that the entire Bibliography you use, should be in alphabetical order.

So the bibliography, as used in examples here, would be:

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