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Skills Practice: Citing Sources

Learning goals

After completing this activity, you will be able to ...

- Cite the sources you use to research scientific information.

Vocabulary: cite

Putting Together a "Works Cited" Page

Often when you are writing a scientific paper or report, you collect information from a variety of sources. Each of these sources needs to be listed, or **cited**, in a clear and concise way that allows readers to locate the source. Sources are listed in the "Works Cited" section of your paper or report. A "Works Cited" section is sometimes also called a "Bibliography."

Different types of sources are cited in different ways, but all citations include at least the date and the author. Use the table below as a guide for citing a variety of different sources.

Type of Source	Example
Book	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. Academic Publishers, Austin.
Chapter in an edited volume	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. In Brown, D.H. and Williams, K.T., eds., Frontiers in Synthetic Chemicals. Academic Publishers, Austin.
Single author journal paper	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. Journal of Chemo-Engineering 7, 234–241.
Multiple author journal paper	Hayden, S.R., D.H. Brown and K.T. Williams, 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. Journal of Chemo-Engineering 7, 234–241.
Government/technical report	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. Report SRY-015, Institute for Chemo-Engineering, University of Texas.
Website	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. Internet: < http://utexas.edu/~hayden/austin.html >.
Lecture notes	Hayden, S.R., 2011: Synthetic Chemical Catalysts. April 1 lecture, CHEM 320 Manufacturing Polymers, University of Texas.
Personal (unpublished) communications	Cited in the text only, e.g., "... the structure of the compound is icosahedral (Hayden 2011, pers. comm.)."

Choose a scientific topic to research. (If you have difficulties selecting a topic, consult with your teacher.) Which topic will you research?

Topic: _____

For your selected topic, find an example of each of the following types of sources and write a citation of that source using the proper format.

Type of Source	Citation
Book	
Chapter in an edited volume	
Single author journal paper	
Multiple author journal paper	
Government/technical report	
Website	