

How to Reference your Essays

Writing Resources



Rules for referencing and citation

You can find the University of York's rules for referencing and citation assessed work online in section 10 of the Department of English's Guide to Assessment

Why reference essays?

Referencing your work properly is one of the most important ways that you can establish the authority of your ideas, and allows you to situate your own ideas and arguments in relation to those of other scholars.

Referencing is also an important way of acknowledging your debts to other scholars. Properly referencing your work is one of the best ways of avoiding plagiarism.

You can find out more about referencing by browsing the university's academic integrity pages

How to reference essays

The English department at the University of York requires that students reference essays in accordance with either the Chicago Manual of Style or the MLA Style

guide.

The university produces handy guides to these referencing systems, which you can consult online

For instructions how to reference a wide variety of different sources, consult the examples collected in the university's academic integrity site: