

USING & CITING INFORMATION FROM SOURCES

WHAT information do we include in our writing? What needs to be cited?

FACTS (from a specific source) *are cited*.

Someone else's VIEWS/OPINIONS or INTERPRETATIONS (from a specific source) *are cited*.

Your own ANALYSIS of the information you've included *is not cited*.

HOW do we include the selected information in our writing?

You can include a DIRECT QUOTATION (taking the information word for word from your source).

You can PARAPHRASE (reword) or SUMMARIZE (condense) selections from a source.

You can also present a mix of the two in one sentence. For example, you start off by summarizing some information and then finish it by including a relevant quotation (or vice versa).

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You have choices in terms of HOW you include WHAT you select from your sources...

You can present FACTS from a source by including a quotation OR by paraphrasing/summarizing	
<p>Quotation:</p> <p>"It was only within the last 11,000 years that some peoples turned to what is termed food production" (Diamond 86).</p>	<p>Paraphrasing:</p> <p>Jared Diamond reminds us that humans did not begin food production until about 11,000 years ago (86).</p>
You can present someone else's VIEWES/OPINIONS/INTERPRETATIONS from a source by including a quotation OR by paraphrasing/summarizing	
<p>Quotation:</p> <p>"Hence geographic variation in whether, or when, the peoples of different continents became farmers and herders explains to a large extent their subsequent contrasting fates" (Diamond 86).</p>	<p>Paraphrasing:</p> <p>Jared Diamond argues that whether or not various peoples became food producers dictated their fates (86).</p>
<p>Summary:</p> <p>Modern humans fed themselves as hunter-gatherers for about seven million years. However, there was a shift to food production (domesticating animals and plants) starting about 11,000 years ago. The last hunter-gatherers will die out soon because food production has become the norm on Earth today. Jared Diamond argues that when and if peoples shifted to food production determined which groups developed guns, germs, and steel. People with these commodities were subsequently able to dominate those without them (86).</p>	<p>Mix of quotation and paraphrasing:</p> <p>Jared Diamond argues that whether or not various peoples became food producers dictated their fates and maintains that, "food production was indirectly a prerequisite for the development of guns, germs, and steel" (86).</p>

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