

Attribution vs. Citation

What is Attribution?

Attribution is the “act of establishing a particular person as the creator of a work of art.”*

What does Attribution look like?

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Attribution example:



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Note a hyperlink was added to the author and to the image source.

What is Citation?

Citation is, “the act of acknowledging the work of another within a scholarly context.”*

What does Citation look like?

When writing a paper, essay, or creating for a scholarly purpose, a formal citation is needed to provide all needed information about the resources you used in which you are not the original creator.

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