Compiling a Bibliography

Making a proper bibliography at the end of a research project is not usually the most interesting part of an assignment. But it is a necessary and important step.

Thankfully, this is the 21st century and there are many tools available to help you with this process. In the "old days" all of this work had to be carefully planned and executed. Now, with online tools, it is like having a calculator in math class — everything is easier.

Each article on The Canadian Encyclopedia has a button titled "citation" that you can use to generate the appropriate citation for each article, in four different styles. Make sure to compare the citation with your teacher's style guidelines.

What is a bibliography?

A bibliography is a list of sources that you consulted in order to complete your project. If possible, it should include a variety of sources, such as websites or books and even newspapers or magazines.

The bibliography always comes at the end of the project and on a separate sheet of paper.

Things to Know

› Entries in the bibliography are listed in **alphabetical order**, according to the author's **last name**.

› Each entry is single spaced.

› Double space *between* entries.

› Indent each line of the entry except for the first line.

› Entries are not subdivided based on the type of source (i.e., don't list all your online sources followed by your print sources), simply list them in the alphabetical order noted previously.

› Do not number your entries.

› Be sure to keep a list of the important bibliographic information while you are taking your study notes. You will need:

- title of the source
- title of an article, if applicable
- name of author or authors
- date of publication
- city of publication
- publisher
- if it is a website, you will need the date you accessed it and/or the date of publication and URL

Citation Websites

If you are using sources outside The Canadian Encyclopedia that do not offer a citation function, you can use the websites noted below to help you compile your bibliography. Since there are a few different citation styles, you should clarify with your teacher which one is preferred.

Son of Citation Machine
http://citationmachine.net/index2.php

BibMe
http://www.bibme.org/

Easy Bib
http://www.easybib.com/

NCSU Libraries
http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/citationbuilder/

Tip: It's always a good idea to get started on the bibliography before the last minute.