Understanding Citations with Irvine’s Writing about Music

Why You Cite

In research, we cite sources for two very important reasons:

1. Give credit to others for their ideas and theories
2. Lead a reader to source(s) used, so they can find and use them in their learning

Different Source Types

You will work with different types of sources. They may include:

- Books
- Articles
- Scores
- Websites
- CDs
- DVDs

Any citation (for any type of source) is made up of elements (author, title, etc.) – bits of information about the source – and those elements need to be presented in a consistent format. But different source types need different elements – this is where you need to check with Irvine’s for the rules.

What Elements Do You Need?

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Where Do You Find the Rules?

- Rules for Elements of Book Citations: Irvine’s p. 74-84 (sections 120-137)
- Rules for Elements of Articles: Irvine’s p. 84-85 (sections 138-139)
- Rules for Elements of Scores: Irvine’s p. 87-91 (sections 142-144)

Included are examples for books & articles. Notice that bibliography citations use what’s called a hanging indent: only the 1st line of the citation lines up with the left margin—all other are indented underneath.
BOOK CITATION (in Bibliography)


ARTICLE CITATION (in Bibliography)


Note: Articles retrieved from online databases need a bit more info:

1. Database name
2. Date retrieved online (the date you viewed it)
3. Database url