Lesson Plan
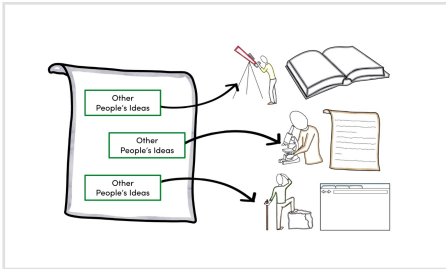
This lesson plan is designed to help you teach using a Common Craft video. Use the information below to introduce the video and then follow the video with discussion questions and other resources.

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ISTE Standard:
Digital Citizen, Indicator 2c

ACRL Info Literacy Frame:
Information Has Value

Citations and Citing Your Work
Explained by Common Craft

Using citations in papers and articles is a fundamental part of being a responsible writer. But it's not always clear what information needs a citation. This video provides a simple method for understanding how to use citations responsibly.

Learning Outcomes

- Explain why including citations in your work is important

- Compare and contrast three types of information that are often contained in an academic paper-- "common knowledge," "my ideas", and "other people's ideas."

- Describe when to include a citation in an academic paper

- Identify three types of citations--an in-text citation, a reference in a bibliography, and a footnote.

Discussion Questions

Q #1

When writing a paper, why do you think it's important to give credit to other people's ideas and works?

Q #2

Has the Internet made it easier or more difficult to cite information? Explain your answer.

Q #3

In which situations would you not have to cite information?

Knowledge Check Q&A

Q

Multiple Choice. Which of the three types of information that goes into a paper or article needs special treatment when you write a research paper? A) Common knowledge B) My ideas C) Other people's ideas

A

C.

Q

What are citations?

A

Citations are notifications within a body of text that show when sections of the paper were taken from other sources and could include words, ideas, figures, images, and more. Often, citations have all the information needed to find the original publication.

Q

True/False. You would need to cite the fact that Halloween occurs in the United States on October 31st every year.

A

False. This fact is considered common knowledge and does not need to be cited.

Q

What are the three common ways to cite sources in a paper?

A

1) In the body of the paper 2) With a bibliography 3) With a footnote

Resources for Learning More

NC State University Libraries
"Citation: A (very) brief introduction" 7/2014

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMhMuVvXCVw

Purdue OWL Writing Lab
"Research and citation resources"

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/

Princeton University, Academic Integrity
"When to cite sources?" 8/2017

https://www.princeton.edu/pr/pub/integrity/pages/cite/index.htm#cite4

MIT, Academic Integrity at MIT
"What is common knowledge? "

https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/citing-your-sources/what-common-knowledge