



Guide to Oral Citation of Sources

When you use someone else's words or ideas in a speech or a paper, you must provide information, which identifies the source of that information. If you paraphrase or quote the person directly, you must identify the author.

Magazines, Newspapers, & Journals

Need: Date and Name of Newspaper, Magazine or Journal.

According to the "author, date, source," more Americans fear public speaking than death.

Ex. Dr. Carlos Hass, public speaking professor at Southern University, stated in the June 2, 2004

American Journal of Political Science that the 18-24 voting block is the largest voting generation in America.

Books

Need: Title, author, and publication date. **Recommended:** Author's credentials

The title by author published in year, states that astrology is the best science.

Ex. The book, The only guide to Astrology You'll Even Need by Joanna Woolfolk, published in

1990 says, "Your sun sign is the planet that the sun was closest to at the time of your birth."

Interviews

Need: Date, Person's name, credentials

On a personal interview with person's name, credentials, on date, bugs are good to eat.

Ex. According to a personal interview on Dec. 22nd 2003, with Dr. Kathleen German, Professor of Communication Studies, in the field of Communication, *Communication in Our Lives* is the best book ever written.

Internet

Need: Website name, date last updated or accesses. Don't need URL address.

"Everything on the Internet is bunk," according to the website name_last updated on date.

Ex. The Skeptic's Website, last updated on November 3, 2001 states that we should question everything.

Television Broadcasts

Need: Title, date televised

Title of show_claims that Dell's are the best computer on the market on date_

Ex. Dateline NBC of June 21, 1998 says that Sammy Sosa broke the record for the most home runs in one month.

Transitions into a source citation . . . (should flow naturally)

"According to . . ."

"As stated by"

"In a study conducted by"

"As stated in . . ."

"In a personal interview . . ."

"Dr. John Gray, a psychologist and world-renown author, stated in his book, *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* published in . . ."