

## I. What should I cite?

- Exact words from a source, enclosed in quotation marks.
- Facts, dates and statistics that are not common knowledge (within your own peer group/readership).
- Somebody else's ideas or opinions, even if you restate them in your own words.
- References to studies or work done by other people.

## II. What is "common knowledge"?

- Dates everyone knows.
- Facts everyone knows.
- Allusions to events in history or the lives of public figures everyone knows.

### TASK #1:

Work with a partner. Which of these statements should be cited?  
Which can be considered common knowledge?

1. The United States went into a prolonged period of mourning after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in November of 1963.
2. Hybrid vehicles are all around us. Most of the locomotives we see pulling trains are diesel-electric hybrids. Cities like Seattle have diesel-electric buses, which can draw electric power from overhead wires or run on diesel when they are away from the wires.
3. The nuclear accident at Chernobyl left many people with a terrible fear of nuclear energy, and as a result, several organized groups have protested against the building of nuclear power plants in their states.
4. The tsunami which hit Papua New Guinea in 1998 killed more than 2100, and as a result, many residents moved inland.

5. J.B. Jackson is credited with founding the field of landscape studies. As a young man, he traveled extensively around the American West, and later lived in New Mexico. Apparently unable to see the long-term effects that the automobile would bring to the landscape, he said "I find myself reconciled to a great deal of ugliness [ . . . ] and I don't object to it at all."

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