Citing Your Sources for ENGR101

What does citing my sources mean?
To cite your sources means that when you use information or ideas that you found in someone else's work, you should acknowledge where it came from.

Why should I cite my sources?
• To give credit to the person who came up with the idea
• To prove that you're basing your work on solid research
• So people interested in the idea can read more about it
• To avoid being marked down /failed / expelled...

How do I cite my sources?
1) If you're using the exact words of the original author, put them in quotes.
   "Nine out of ten dentists prefer blue toothpaste."
   If you're paraphrasing their ideas, you don't need quotes - but make sure all the phrasing is your own.
   Blue toothpaste was preferred by 90% of dentists in the study.

2) Indicate the source with the authors' surnames and the year either:
   * before the source:
   Xu and Smith (2004) found that "Nine out of ten dentists prefer blue toothpaste." (p. 28)
   * after the source:
   "Nine out of ten dentists prefer blue toothpaste." (Xu & Smith, 2004, p. 28)
   (Note how the page number for the claim, if there is one, generally goes after.)

3) At the end of your paper, list the full details of all the sources you've referred to. Sort them alphabetically by the first author's surname (or by the title if no author is listed):
   Reference list
Books


Journal articles


Vid$(s)$s


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If you don’t have all the information (eg city, etc), just leave it out.

http://www.asme.org/Communities/History/Landmarks/Owens_AR_Bottle_Machine_1912.cfm

http://imechanica.org/node/178
Encyclopaedia articles


Where can I find out more?

Read

- A tutorial about citing http://library.canterbury.ac.nz/infolit/tutorials/citingsources1.shtml
- An APA style tip sheet http://library.canterbury.ac.nz/services/ref/apa/index.shtml

Interact

- Interactive tutorials http://www.cite.auckland.ac.nz/tutorial.php
- More APA style tips http://www.cite.auckland.ac.nz/quick.php

Ask

- Book into a drop-in session http://webapps.lib.canterbury.ac.nz/webdb/course.php?course=273
- Ask at EPS Library or chat online using ASK LIVE