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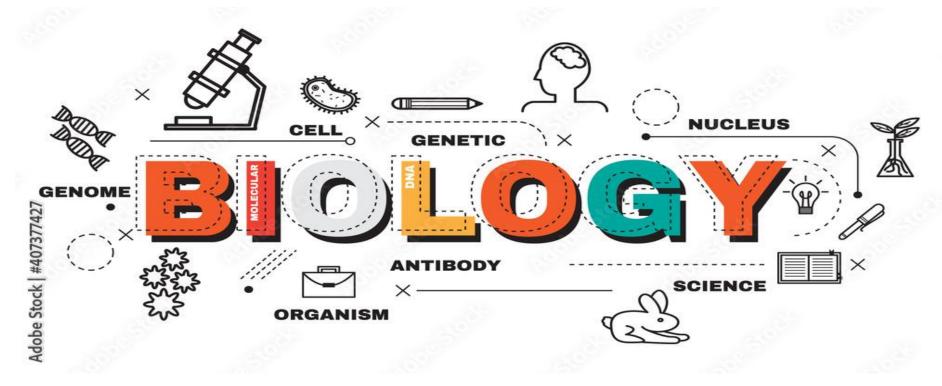
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# Chapter 03: Bibliographical Research Methods.

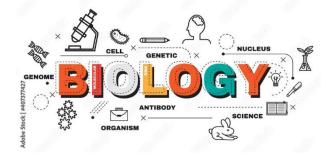


### Overview



- **Bibliographic research** is the first step in any research or scientific writing project. It is the process of executing a relevant research of useful information, around a scientific subject, that are presented in the several sources of literature.
- ❖ In fact, this activity starts even before the conception of the project or the writing, and continues throughout all the stages of their realization.
- ❖ Bibliographic research mainly aims to establish a "literature review", to have clear insight on the state of the art on what has been done or written on a given subject.
- tit also allows the analysis of the results obtained by others and their comparison with own results.

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Subsequently, it must be undertaken in a methodical manner to be effective, and with a good knowledge of bibliographic research tools.

### Bibliography

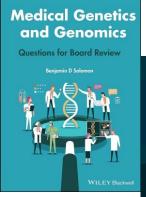


- ❖ Bibliography refers to the set of information sources such as books, journals, articles, etc., published on a subject, presented in different conventional forms. From this definition, the bibliography is synonymous with what is commonly called "Scientific Literature", often abbreviated in "Literature".
- Scientific literature comprises scholarly and academic publications that report original empirical and theoretical work in the natural and social sciences, and within an academic field.
- Academic publishing is the process of contributing the results of one's research into the literature, which often requires a peer-review process to be accepted and published

### Types of Bibliography

- **Articles (scientific papers, scholarly** articles)
- **Books**
- **Conference proceedings, abstracts** and reports
- Theses and dissertations









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### Writing scientific thesis/dissertation in biology field: Knowledge in reference style writing

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### Abstract:

Thesis or dissertation writing is an important and essential task for postgraduate students that must be performed correctly through following the standard guidelines for scientific writing. Any thesis/ dissertation or articles must involve writing a reference list in the last, References must be written correctly and honestly by following one of the well accepted international reference writing style. Many reference styles have been established worldwide and every style may meet the requirement of particular discipline. However, variation in using specific style within specific discipline is usually noticed in many academic institutes. In Iraq, postgraduate students in the field of biology are supposed to use Vancouver style for reference writing in their theses/dissertations. This study hypothesized that error in reference writing may be demonstrated in those theses/dissertations as previous studies showed deterioration in writing process as general. For a period of twelve years 124 fully performed theses/dissertations were analyzed carefully for that purpose. Moreover, interview with 114 postgraduate students in biology field was performed to discuss reference writing process. The results showed that almost all students had neither any idea about types of reference writing styles nor what style they had used in their reference writing. It seems that their style tended to meet the American psychological Association style mixed with Harvard style rather than the Vancouver style. Almost all theses or dissertation revealed different reference writing styles, and even in the same thesis or dissertation or in the same single reference more than one reference writing style was noticed. Many other different errors in reference writing were noticed in every thesis or dissertation. The interview with the students confirmed the results obtained from theses and dissertation analysis, indicating the deficiency in their ability to write reference correctly.

This article gives evidences that scientific writing practices and abilities of postgraduate students do not reflect expected quality criteria. Postgraduate students severely lacked the skill and knowledge in scientific writing especially in reference writing. It is highly recommended to introduce extensive courses in their curriculum concerning scientific writing in order to improve the writing process to be scientifically well accepted level by following the standard guidelines for writing

Key words: thesis, dissertation, writing, reference, style.

### Introduction:

The process of writing thesis and dissertation (TD) or an article in biology or in other science disciplines is a best tool to document the findings, interpretations or conclusions of the authors or researchers to be transferred correctly to the other interesting audiences. Different styles for writing process have been suggested to meet every specific discipline needs or interests. However, researchers, using any writing style,

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ings. Reference citation in a text or in the reference list is of great importance (Iverson, 1998, Soles, 2005, Vintzileos and Ananth, 2010, Neville, 2012) and must be written properly following specific systemic style (American National Standards Institute, 1971, UNESCO, 1983, ). Different reference writing styles have been established and used by different science fields and disciplines in order to document the researchers' findings and to preserve their rights. Many well known reference systems can be found among writing styles in different fields such as, Modern Language Association (MLA), the American Psychological Association (APA), the Chicago Manual of Style (CMS), the Vancouver system, the Harvard system, the American Medical Association (AMA) Style,

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### Types of Sources



Academic information sources can be categorized into three primary types, they are classified basing on the **originality of the approached subject** or **the studied question**.

**Primary Sources** 

Original research findings reported directly from experiments, observations, or data collection. Examples include journal articles, scientific reports, and dissertations.

**Secondary Sources** 

Includes Interpretations, analyses, or syntheses of primary research. Examples include books, review articles, and meta-analyses. It helps to get a general overview on specific topic.

**Tertiary Sources** 

Compilations or summaries of information from primary and secondary sources. These publications employ a simplified and non-technical language style, catering to a popular readership rather than a specialized scientific audience. Examples include encyclopedias, textbooks, and handbooks

## Bibliography



A bibliography or References: is a list of sources that an author has consulted or referred to in their writing. It is typically included at the end of a book, article, or research paper. Bibliographies can be compiled in a variety of formats,

but they typically include the following information for each source:

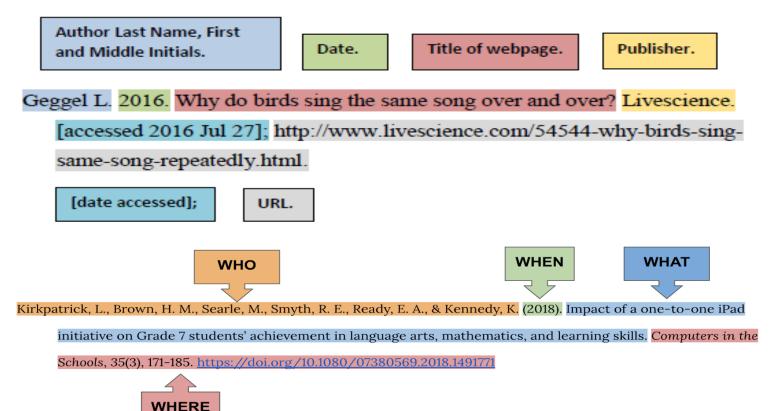
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## **Bibliography**



**Bibliographies or references** are an important part of academic writing because they allow readers to:



Verify the information that has been presented in the text

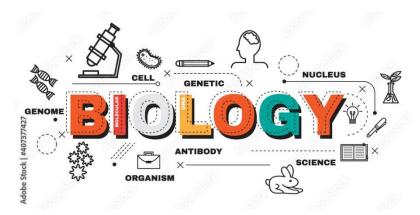




Help to establish the author's credibility and expertise in the subject matter.

## Bibliographic research

### Definition



It is the systematic (regular) process of **identifying**, **evaluating**, and **synthesizing** information from various **sources** to support

academic or professional accomplishments.

It involves **locating**, **analyzing**, and **organizing** relevant information from scholarly literature, including books, journal articles, conference

proceedings, and other credible sources.

# Bibliographic research importance in Biology



Bibliographical research is an essential skill for students and professionals in various fields, particularly in biology. It allows scientists:

- Strengthen their understanding of biological concepts and theories by exploring the latest research findings and expert perspectives.
- □ **Develop critical thinking skills by** evaluating the credibility, relevance, and validity of information sources.
- □ Conduct effective research projects by identifying relevant sources, synthesizing information, and communicating findings effectively.