Using Library Search to create references

https://unihub.mdx.ac.uk/study
Why reference?

• Acknowledge other people’s work that you have used in your essays, projects etc

• Demonstrate that you have carried out research and read relevant material

• Establish the credibility and authority of your ideas and arguments i.e. use supporting evidence to highlight and back-up relevant points

• The reader/lecturer can locate original material that you have used

• Avoid plagiarism.

Adapted from: https://www.citethemrightonline.com/Basics/what-is-referencing
What’s the difference between citations and references?

Citations are found in the text of your essay and show the reader where you have got your information or facts from. They should be used whenever you quote or paraphrase information that you have used. There are two main ways of including citations in your work:

According to Chapman and Dixon (2009) recent development in multimedia technology have lead to a ten-fold increase in the ownership of……….

Ownership of hand-held digital devices has increased ten-fold due to recent developments in multimedia technology (Chapman and Dixon, 2009).

References are located at the end of your essay in an alphabetical (by author) list of all the items you have cited (i.e. the reference list):


What is quoting and paraphrasing?

Examples:

**Original as found in a book by Hart, Smith and Wilson:**

The massive collection of data by the Amol technologies that populate the intelligent environment enables extensive profiling, which in turn is necessary to deliver the benefits delivered by Amol.

**Quoted in your essay:**

According to Hart, Smith and Wilson “the massive collection of data by the Amol technologies that populate the intelligent environment enables extensive profiling, which in turn is necessary to deliver the benefits delivered by Amol” (2008, p.37).

**Paraphrased in your essay:**

In order for Amol technologies to perform correctly they must collect profiles. As a result, it is necessary for them to collect a large amount of data (Hart, Smith and Wilson, 2008).
You can use Library Search to create references.

Access Library Search:
MyUniHub > MyStudy > MyLibrary > Library Search
Remember to sign-in to *Library Search* for full functionality

Click on ‘Sign-in’, choose ‘Middlesex University’ and use your MyUniHub ID and password.

Signing-in enables you to access full text material, check your library record, request items, create lists, save searches and create alerts and export references to RefWorks.
Carry out a search.....

Your search results are displayed here.
To create a reference click on the ‘Double quotation marks’ (”)…..

…..and then select a referencing style from the list…..

…..a reference is then created for the item. You can ‘Copy’ the reference and add to your reference list or email it to yourself.

Most students at Middlesex University use the Harvard referencing style, although some programmes require the use of other styles e.g. APA (Psychology), IEEE (Engineering and some computing modules) or OSCOLA (Law—which is not included in Library Search).
You will need to use Cite Them Right Online to check that the reference created is correct (next slide).

If you are referencing in Harvard, APA or OSCOLA you can use Cite Them Right Online to check that the references created on Library Search are correct. You will probably need to make some small changes.
Use Cite Them Right Online to check your references are perfect.

Cite Them Right Online does not create references for you, but shows you examples of what a reference for a particular resource should look like (next slide).

Access it: myUniHub > My Study > My Library > Databases > C.
Choose the resource type that you want to reference from the top menu.

You will then see examples of what a reference should look like e.g. journal article.

Example: electronic or print or both

In-text citation
In their review of the literature (Norrie et al., 2012)...

Reference list

Or, if your institution requires referencing of all named authors:
Information about the various referencing styles (other than Harvard) used in the University can be found here:

http://libguides.mdx.ac.uk/plagiarismreferencing
Need further help?

Contact your Librarian:
http://libguides.mdx.ac.uk/liaisonlibrarians

Make an appointment:

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