

Understanding Source Material

APSU Writing Center Handout

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For every resource you cite in your written work, it is important to consider the APPARTS.

Think of it as an investigation of your source and the evidence presented.

Every source you include needs to be cited.

Author - Who created this source?

Place and Time - When and where was this source produced?

Prior Knowledge - Do you recognize this source and have any prior knowledge?

Audience - Who is the intended audience for this source?

Reason - Why was this source produced for its audience?

The Main Idea - What is this source's overall point?

Significance - Why is it important to include this source in your evidence?