

## Communication 1610 Source Rules

When you cite original (that means you interviewed them) human sources in your stories, you should follow the format I have provided on this page. While this is not a standard requirement in the business, I require it to verify that you are using legitimate sources – yes, sometimes I contact them.

Please note that **I will not allow you to use family members as sources**. If you do use family members, they may not count toward any minimum requirements for the assignment. Also, you may not use family members as the primary topic of any of your news items.

Additionally, when you cite non-human sources (e.g., documents or records), cite the sources in the text of your article (e.g., “A copyrighted article in the *Salt Lake Tribune* reported...”). Associated Press style does not accommodate footnotes, end notes, or parenthetical references (as in APA or MLA style). If you cite documents incorrectly, I consider it a style error.

When you complete your story, you should cite your human sources immediately after the close of your final paragraph (before you add the end mark). **If you fail to do this, you will lose 25 points from your total score.**

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