

Exercise 1: Checking Citations

The classic plagiarism exercise used with graduate students is to give them a work of history and instruct them to verify its sources by checking the notes for particular pages or chapters. The exercise introduces graduate students to how a practicing historian handles notation, reinforces its importance, and teaches them how to detect plagiarism. The exercise is most useful, however, to those students who have access to a large research library. Instructors should place works cited in the notes on reserve so that students do not have to compete for them.