Adding Citations
You’ll see lots of **citations** in any given Wikipedia article. When sources of a text have been cited, you’ll see a footnote in the sentence.

Adding citations is super **important**. Making sure that articles are well-cited helps prevent them from getting deleted.
When you click a footnote number, you’ll find the corresponding source in the reference list.
Add a **reference list** to your sandbox

Open your Sandbox to start practicing! You’ll need to first create a References List section by clicking **Insert** and selecting **References List** from the dropdown.
Add a **citation** to your sandbox

To add a citation, click the **cite** button. You can simply enter the URL or the ISBN of your source and it will generate a citation for you.
Click **Manual** to use a template and enter your source manually. This is useful when the citation doesn’t appear how you’d like it to with the standard “automatic” option.
Practice **citing!**

1. Insert a citation in your sandbox for this **book**:


2. Insert a citation for this **news article**:

Practice **citing** even **more**!

3. Now that you’ve gotten some practice, add a citation to your sandbox that relates to **your area of interest**!

4. And finally ... go forth into the world of public-facing articles! Find an **existing article** in your area of interest that needs a citation and find a source text to add as a reference.
Congrats!

You’ve mastered this introduction to Adding Citations and have completed our beginner series!