

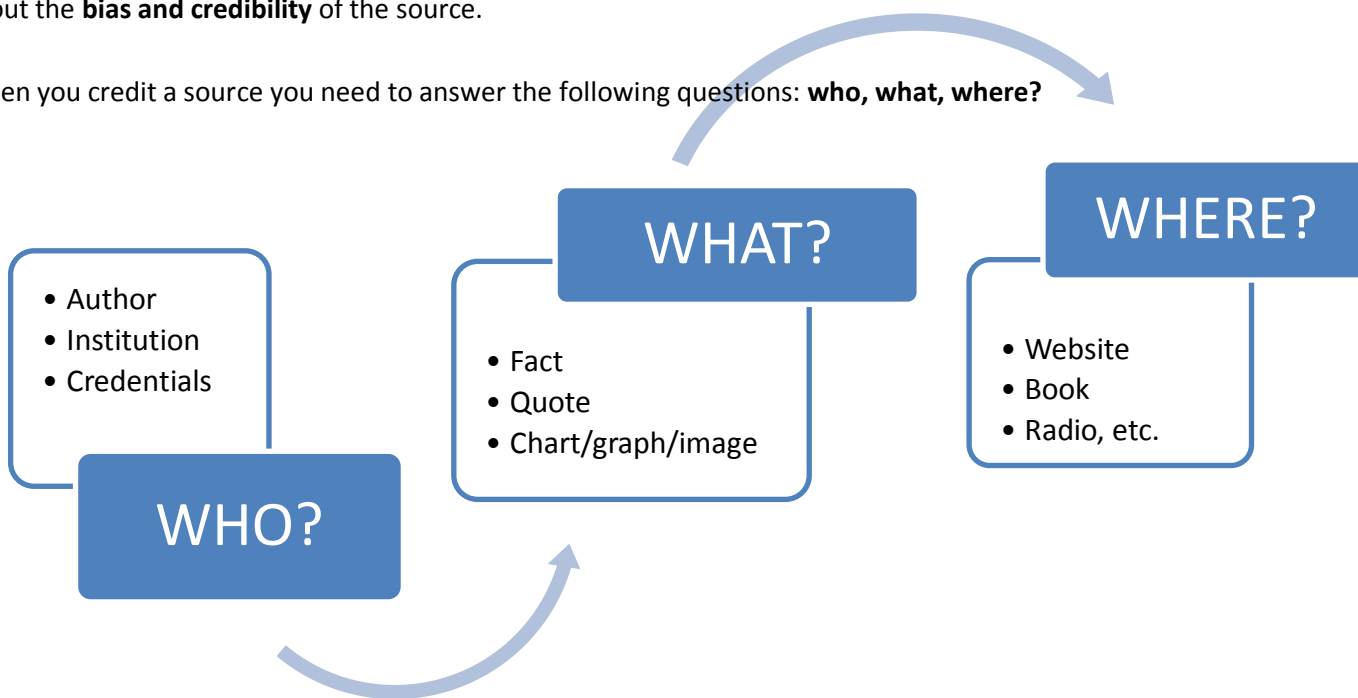


## Crediting Your Source

When you use information, you always need to credit (or cite) your source. Information is a type of property: intellectual property.

When you credit (or cite) your source, you are giving your readers/listeners **important information** about the **bias and credibility** of the source.

When you credit a source you need to answer the following questions: **who, what, where?**



You can put these elements (who, what, where) together in any order:

*On her website for an ABE class, Elinor Appel, a faculty librarian at North Seattle Community College, complains that “most students don’t take the time to evaluate or credit what they find on the Internet.”*

**Where?** .....> a website for an ABE class

**Who?** .....> Elinor Appel, Faculty Librarian at North Seattle Community College

**What?** .....> “most students don’t take the time to evaluate or credit what they find on the Internet”

**Note:** Usually the less biased the information, the better the information. In general, information is more balanced when:

- The author discusses more than one viewpoint
- The author provides good information to support statements made