**Expected to Research = Expected to Reference**

- Your markers are not interested in what you already know.
- If you have been given time to research, you are expected to do so.
- You will be expected to show your research and acknowledge your sources.
- You are expected to reference.

**Academic Skill**

Being able to find and evaluate information is a core academic skill. Your referencing shows that you know where your information comes from — and that you know you need to find good information.

**Research Widely**

Think of your references as evidence — evidence that you have researched widely. Make sure you have a mixture of books, journal articles and websites, and that these come from reliable, good quality sources.

**Appropriate vs Correct**

You reference appropriately by acknowledging where you got your information from in the text of your assignment and including a complete reference list at the end.

You reference correctly by following the pattern of the style to layout your references and include all of the relevant details.

**Back-up your claims**

Your references are also evidence that you know what you are talking about — you actually checked to make sure your information is correct and your claims are valid.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is claiming someone else’s information as your own original work. If you do not acknowledge your sources, you are saying “this is my idea” -- and, if that is not completely true, it can lead to severe academic penalties.