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Citing NCpedia Articles and Copyright

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Citing NCpedia articles

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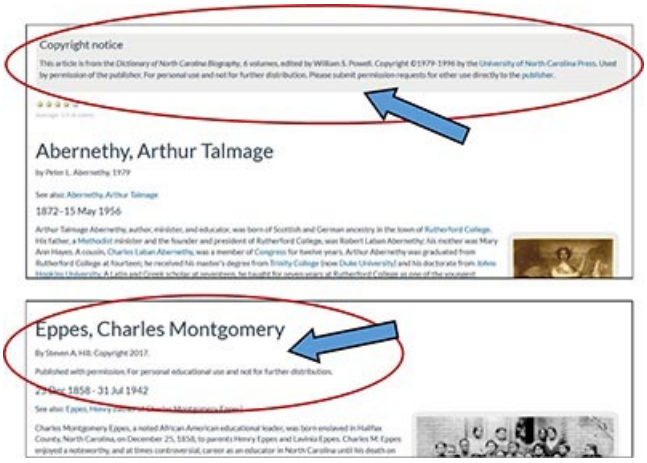
- **UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries Citation Builder:https://library.unc.edu/citationbuilder/** [3]
- **Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) Research and Citation Resources: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/resources.html** [4]
- **EasyBib: https://www.easybib.com/** [5]



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- Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL): https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/ [11]
- UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries Citing & Writing: https://library.unc.edu/support/citing/ [12]
- The Chicago Manual of Style: https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html [13]
- Purdue OWL Resources for Grades 7-12 students and instructors: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/ [11]
- Yale University Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning, Using Sources: https://poorvucenter.yale.edu/using-sources [14]

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