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| Evidence-based grading (with the source and your writing side by side) means that you can prove:* Either to yourself that the instructor is correct
* Or you can prove to instructor that she is wrong – and she will be fine with that

Your sources are where you get your evidence for what you figure out and what you write and say about reality (such as history, biology, technology, and business). In your future, the people who evaluate what you write and say will all be experts in their fields. Upper level professors who might give you a reference if you excel will be experts; your bosses will be experts. They will know if you are faking understanding or, if they cannot be sure, they will ask you for proof in a source they consider reliable. Comparing your work with the source shows **everything** about the evidence—and your work.I grade students’ written assignments by comparing side by side what you wrote with the source you were to read. Click **if** you want to see:* [A visual example of how I grade](http://www.cjbibus.com/Getting_Started_FAQs_Evidence_How_the_Instructor_Grades_Your_WrittenAssignments.htm)
* [How grading with a source changes grading itself](http://www.cjbibus.com/1301_1302_Good_Habits_For_Evidence_Why_Required_Source_Changes_Grading_Why_Like_World_of_Work.htm)
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