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Ascribe

Ascribe sth to sb (formal)

Atribuirle/ imputarle algo a alguien / jemandem etwas zuschreiben

- 1) to believe that something was said, written, or created by a particular person:
 - I believe this quotation has been wrongly **ascribed to** John Lennon.
- 2) to believe something is the cause of something else
 - He **ascribed** his poor grades **to** lack of concentration.
- 3) to believe that something is a typical quality of someone or something
 - He **ascribes** melodramatic behaviour **to** women in general.

Subscribe to sth (formal)

Suscribir algo (idea/opinión) / estar de acuerdo con... / sich etwas anschließen

To agree with an idea.

- He **subscribes to the view that** children benefit from being independent.
- He is a spiritual person who **subscribes to the idea that** our thoughts drive our reality.

Circumscribe (formal)

Limitar / restringir algo / etwas begrenzen anschließen

- 1) to limit something (often passive):
 - The freedom of the citizens has been **circumscribed** since the law came into effect.
 - The scope of this study was **circumscribed** by the limits under which the models were tested.
- 2) (Maths) If you circumscribe a triangle, square, etc., you draw a circle that surrounds it and touches each of its corners.

