IN-TEXT CITATIONS

When you quote or summarize an idea from one of your references, you must provide an in-text citation at the end of that sentence. In-text citations provide your reader with enough information to find the work in your References page (usually by providing the reader with the author name, year of publication, and page number if quoting from the source).

Rules for In-Text Citations

• Citations come at the beginning or end of a sentence. Citing a source at the beginning of a sentence involves using a signal phrase. Citations at the end of a sentence can be found in parentheses BEFORE the sentence’s punctuation, but AFTER any quotation marks.
• The citation starts with the first word or words from the source’s References page entry. Most of the time, this is an author’s last name
• If quoting from the source, you must include the page number where the quote can be found in an end of text citation. Ex. (p. 3) or (pp.3-4)

Example In-Text Citations

If the source has one author or editor
Signal phrase: Gelphi (1965) states…
End of text: (Gelphi, 1965)

If the source has three or more authors or editor
1st Signal phrase: Andrews, Foster, and Harris (1997) say…
1st End of text: (Andrews, Foster, & Harris, 1997)

If the source has six or more authors
Signal phrase: Stannis et al. (2012) suggests…
End of text: (Stannis, et al, 2012)

If the source has no author, use the shortened title
Signal phrase: The article "Patients' Rights Laws," finds…

If you are quoting a source
Signal phrase: Bandyk (2007) states, “…” (p. 22)
End of text: (Bandyk, 2007, p. 22)

If you are quoting a source without page numbers
Signal phrase: Wilkerson (1997) says, “…” (para. 3)
End of text: (Wilkerson, 1997, para. 3)

If two sources have two authors with the same last name
Signal phrase: E. Hood (2005) observes…
End of text: (E. Hood, 2005)

If you cite two sources within the same parenthetical citation:
Signal phrase: Past studies (Hood, 2005; Stannis, et al, 2012) found…
End of text: (Hood, 2005; Stannis, et al, 2012)

Sometimes you may have to use an INDIRECT SOURCE. An indirect source is a source cited in another source. For such indirect quotations, use "as cited" to indicate the source you actually consulted (and can be found under references). For example:

Gore (as cited in Leroux, 2003) notes that most world governments put global warning on the back burner.

or

In an interview with CNN, Gore notes that “global warming is a vital concern that most governments of the world ignore” (as cited in Leroux, 2003, p. 4).

MORE CITATION TOOLS

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