

MLA 9 In-Text Citations Templates

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In MLA 9, use quotation marks and Authors' last name and page number (if available) OR first word of works cited entry in parentheses.

Example: "When two or more senses are used together, learning and memory gets a boost" (Doyle and Zakrajsek 45).

Possible Template: " _____ " (Author Lastname/s page number).

Basic MLA

When author name/s are not shown before the quote, add their last name/s to page number in parentheses.

Doyle and Zakrajsek discuss increasing the learning threshold when they state, "When two or more senses are used together, learning and memory gets a boost" (45).

Author(s) state/say/claim " _____ " (page number).

Signal Phrases and In-Text Citations

Signal phrases use words like states, says, quotes, claims, asserts, argues, admits... they tell us the AUTHOR is speaking, not you.

No Author?

That's okay! Use a shortened title of the work instead. The example below's full title is "Zika, Einstein and Weed Backers: The Hot Science Stories You Might've Overlooked During This Wild Year."

In 2016, "voters in four states chose to legalize recreational marijuana, bringing the number of states with such laws to eight" ("Zika, Einstein and Weed" 53).

Introductory sentence, " _____ " ("Shortened Title" page number).

Indirect Source?

If you're quoting something your source has quoted, use "qtd. in" to tell the reader where it came from.

Studying with multiple senses is beneficial because, as Dr. Smith says, "when two or more senses are used together, learning and memory gets a boost" (qtd. in Doyle and Zakrajsek 45).

Introductory sentence, " _____ " (qtd. in Author Lastname/s page number).

3+ Authors?

Use the first author name, then "et al."

Izano et al. claim that "previous studies have found that diets rich in fruits and vegetables are associated with reduced breast cancer mortality" (824).

Author Lastname et al. states/claims/says, " _____ " (page number).

Works Cited

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