

In-Text Citations

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Introducing your Source

- Always introduce your source the first time you refer to it. You want to establish your sources credibility as reliable for whatever purpose you are using him or her for.
 - Acknowledge author credentials
 - Acknowledge book/article/journal credentials
- Here you can rely on key transition phrases and signal phrases to show your readers how you are using your source
 - Refer to signal phrases worksheet & transition phrases examples handout

Example

Diana Hacker, the author of several notable grammar textbooks including *Rules for Writers*, claims that best writers are often those who proofread their work several times (15). Along the same lines, composition scholar, Michael Harvey, argues proofreading should partially come in the form of concision (56).

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1. If you have already introduced the writer and text thoroughly and it is clear that your citation is from that author and text, you only need to cite the page number
 - a. In addition, gracefulness is another tool for proofreading (68).
2. If the author's name is in the sentence, pg number only
 - a. Harvey considers the relevance of the passive voice in several of his chapters (16).
3. If the author's name is used in reference, include the name and pg number
 - a. The point has already been argued (Harvey 23-28).
4. If you have a direct quote more than 4 sentences long
 - a. Must be offset by a single tab
 - b. Remove quotation marks
5. Multiple Authors
 - a. 2 authors: It was an idea developed over several of years they claimed (Johnson and Durant 68-75).
 - b. 3 or more authors: The newspaper industry took decades to develop (Johnson et. al)
6. No known author
 - a. Refer to the information you do have- title, etc.
 - b. The river was known by locals as the "place to be" ("LA Hidden Treasures" 65)

MLA Formatting Start-Ups

- Use the formatting engines to help you organize your citations. Be sure to clean them after they are produced because they are not correct the first time out. This is your STARTING POINT.
 - Bibme.com
 - Easybib.com
 - Most databases provide an MLA citation for you
 - Most websites include a citation at the end of the page or in their about section