

**How to
CITE
a Quote or Paraphrase**

Two Major Ways to Cite

- Depending on your subject area, you will either cite your quotations using MLA or APA format.
- **MLA** = Modern Language Association
- **APA** = American Psychological Association

Citing in MLA Format

- you will need **2** different kinds of citations:
 - **In-text** citation (a.k.a. parenthetical citation)
 - **Works Cited** Page

In-Text Citation

- reference to the author or speaker embedded in the text of the paper
- alerts audience to the original source and makes it easy for the reader to find the citation in the Works Cited Page

Works Cited Page

- separate page/pages at the end of a document containing an alphabetical listing of all of the sources used within the paper.

Citing in MLA Format

Follow this simple equation to cite your quote in MLA format.

Open and close the quote with quotation marks.

Introduce your quote “quote” (citation).

Always introduce your quote. Never start a sentence with a quote.

Set the citation apart with parenthesis.

The period goes after the citation

Citing in MLA Format

Introduce your quote “quote” (citation).

This citation will be the first entry from the Works Cited Page. 

If you include the author's last name in the quote introduction, you only need to include the page number. If not, you include the author's last name and the page number.

In-Text Citations

- citation in the text of your writing
lets your reader know where you
got your source

MLA Citations

In-text (parenthetical) Citation

Columbia University Professor Jeffrey Johnson spent seventeen years recording the viewing habits of children in 707 families in Upstate New

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of the parenthesis

the ones “who watched one to three hours of television each day . . . were 60% more likely to be involved in assaults and fights as those who watched less TV” (“Research on the Effects of Media Violence”).

first part of the entry
from the Works Cited

Works Cited Entry

“Research on the Effects of Media Violence.” *Media Awareness Network*.

2005. Web. 12 Mar. 2005

Works Cited Entry for a Book

In-text Citation

The ideal context for identity formation is “a supportive and respectful family” (Levine 169).

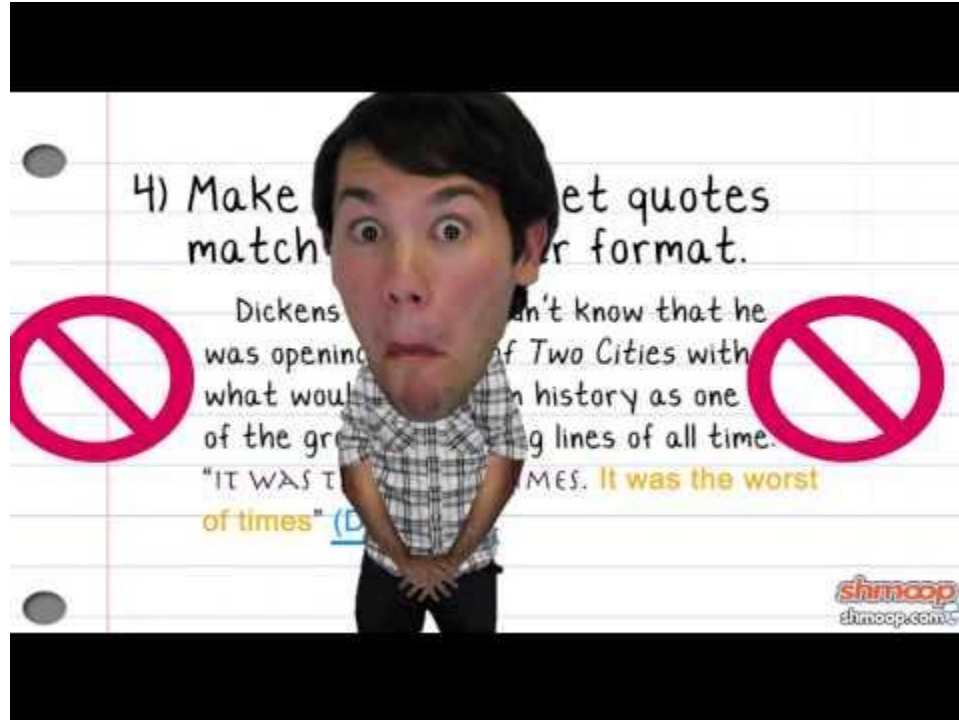
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Works Cited Entry

Works Cited

Levine, Madeleine, Ph.D. *See No Evil: A Guide to Protecting Our Children from Media Violence*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1998. Print.

Using Citations Effectively



4) Make quotes match their format.

Dickens didn't know that he was opening up *Two Cities* with what would be one of the greatest lines of all time. "IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES" (DICKENS)

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