

In-Text Citation Using MLA: *MLA Handout #2*

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CITING SOURCES WITHIN THE BODY OF YOUR PAPER

You MUST ALWAYS CITE text that is quoted, paraphrased, or summarized – or any information taken from another sources (like statistics or numerical data).

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One researcher has found that dreams move backward in time as the night progresses (Dement 71).

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Freud states that “a dream is the fulfillment of a wish” (154).

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One current theory emphasizes the principle that dreams express “profound aspects of personality” (Foulkes, “Sleep” 184). But investigation shows that young children’s dreams are “rather simple and unemotional” (Foulkes, “Dreams” 78).

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“Psychologists hold that no two children are alike” (Gesell and Ilg 68).

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Separate it from the paragraph and indent 1” from the left margin. As part of this format, do not use quotation marks and place the period before parenthetical citation:

Kafka’s life reveals much about his interest in specific subject matter.

His job at the Worker’s Accident Insurance provided him with a steady income and “regular” office hours, so that he could dedicate his evenings to writing. His diaries contain continuing accounts of his restlessness and sleeplessness as he would work all night writing, only to return to the office for the next day of work, thoroughly exhausted. (Muenzer 32)

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institution that produced the text or use the title of the piece if no specific institution is identified.

“Under the National Response Plan, the NRC will coordinate with other Federal, State, and local emergency organizations in response to various types of domestic events” ([Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response](#)).

Or –

“Already used in some states, including Ohio, Maryland and Michigan, and pending in a dozen or so others, the locks will undergo their first systematic trial in California by summer” (“Drunkproofing Automobiles”).