

# Notes & Practice in Citing/Crediting Material/Information Other Than Yours [1]

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**First**, you have to identify the **author** of the **source**. Each source within the writing should also be **introduced** before you include the material. These introductions are called *Signal Phrases* or *Tag lines* and can be worded in various ways like (e.g. MLA): **Charles Brown discusses many aspects of his growing up in a family home that was very small. He writes, "We all lived in one room"(Brown 8).** Please see the [Signal Phrase handout](#) for many wording choices to vary these necessary introductions.

1. The complete publishing Information for the source would be included in a bibliography either "Author page" style, "Author, year," or another prescribed format (superscript numbers. in-text numbers to endnotes, etc.).
2. Within your sentence, to credit where the information came from, write the AUTHOR'S LAST NAME in parenthesis at end of the area where you've included that information. Consult style guide for specifics of number placement.
  - a. Here's an EXAMPLE of *summarizing or paraphrasing* what the author of the source might have discussed: **The author writes that her childhood was difficult and lonely (Tan).**
  - b. If the information is actually the **exact words of the source**, it must be shown as a QUOTE by using quotation marks " where it starts in your writing, and again where it ends." For a QUOTE (in a parenthetical style) you must also show the page number where you found those words, like **(Tan 25) APA=(Tan, p.25) immediately after the quote even if it's not at the end of a sentence. In MLA there is no comma between name and page number. in APA there is a comma.**
3. **For a periodical/article:** Author name listed as **Wood, Michael**
  - a. Crediting information by the author of an article within a whole work which has a different author or editor: **(Smith in Wood)** or for a quote MLA: **(Smith in Wood 30)**, or APA: **(Smith in Wood 2008 p.30)** .
4. Information found on the open **internet**, the same applies:
  - a. **(AUTHOR name or if no author given, the web page title goes FIRST in quotes like>)** "Obesity Trends in the U.S." **The web address (URL) is not always required.** Check the instructions for your document style.
  - b. **If no author name is given, just use first word or two of the title in quotes, like ("Obesity Trends")**
  - c. If there is no page number, just include **n.p.** in place of the page number, like **("Obesity Trends" n.p.**

Here are some sources for citing practice: 10pts each SOURCE publishing information as it would be listed on a general Bibliography: Book, journal, movie, titles are underlined or Italicized Titles of an article or chapter within a larger work uses only quotation marks.

1. Sundeen, Matt. "Cell Phones and Highway Safety: 2000 State Legislative Update." National Conference of State Legislatures. Natl. Conf. of State Legislatures, Dec. 2000.Web. 11 Mar. 2001.
  - possible Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
  - general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA=( \_\_\_\_\_ )
  - exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
2. Ambrose, Anthony. Letter. New England Journal of Medicine 337.2 (1997): 128. Print.
  - possible Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
  - general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA=( \_\_\_\_\_ )
  - exact quotation & credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
3. *Breslin, Brigid; Doron Ezickson; John Kocoras (2010). "The Bribery Act 2010: raising the bar above the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act". Company Lawyer. Sweet & Maxwell. 31 (11): 362. ISSN 0144-1027*
  - possible Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
  - general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA=( \_\_\_\_\_ )
  - exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for APA ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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4. "Watchdog warns of criminal gangs inside banks". *The Guardian*. London. 2005-11-16. Retrieved 2007-11-30.

- possible *inquiring* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

5. "Snowmobile Plan All Wet." Editorial. *Denver Post* 9 Nov. 2002: B25. Colorado Newsstand. Web. 10 Nov. 2002.

- possible *positive* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

6. "*Child Labour*". *The Economist*. 20 December 2005.

- possible *neutral* Signal Phrase : \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

7. *An Inconvenient Truth*. Dir. Davis Guggenheim. Perf. Al Gore, Billy West. Paramount, 2006. DVD.

- possible *skeptical* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

8. Uzawa, Hirofumi. *Economic Theory and Global Warming*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2003. Print.

- possible *critical* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

9. Milken, Michael, Gary Becker, Myron Scholes, and Daniel Kahneman. "On Global Warming and Financial Imbalances." *New Perspectives Quarterly* 23.4 (2006): 63. Print.

- possible *respectful* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

10. Shulte, Bret. "Putting a Price on Pollution." *Usnews.com*. *US News & World Rept.*, 6 May 2007. Web. 24 May 2009.

- possible *negative* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

11. Rafferty, Yvonne (2007). "Children for sale: Child trafficking in Southeast Asia". *Child Abuse Review*. 16 (6): 401–422. doi:10.1002/car.1009

- possible *critical* Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
- general MLA info. within a parenthetical cite: ( ) for APA=( )
- exact quotation credit/cite within a sentence MLA: ( ) for APA ( )

12. Kroonenberg, *Why Hell Stinks of Sulfur: Mythology and Geology of the Underworld*, Chicago, 2013, 41–45.

- possible Signal Phrase: \_\_\_\_\_
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**Disclaimer:** These exercise examples may differ from the citation format required by various style guides. This exercise is for practice only, to alert students about the importance of crediting sources and to avoid confusion implying plagiarism.