**MLA Citation Style**

This guide provides a quick overview of MLA Citation Style, 8th Edition, which is commonly used to cite sources for research papers in the English and the Humanities fields.

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**IN-TEXT CITATIONS**

- When you **paraphrase** or **summarize** information or **directly quote** from a source, you must **cite the source within the body of your paper**
- All in-text citations must point to full citations that you include on the Works Cited page at the end of your paper (see next page for more details on full citations)

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<td>“Social inclusion prevents clinical depression” (Rodriguez 13). OR Rodriguez found that “social inclusion helps prevent clinical depression” (13).</td>
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<td>...concluded that obesity is a risk factor (Hepburn and Hafiz 411-12). OR Hepburn and Hafiz concluded that obesity is a risk factor (411-12).</td>
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<td>The rate of male infidelity is not dramatically different than the rate of female infidelity” (Strong et al. 222). OR Strong et al. have shown that the rate of male infidelity is not dramatically different than that of female infidelity” (222).</td>
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<td>...Orissi dance has undergone a major revival since the 1950s (Gupta).</td>
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<td>“He was my master and I wore my life to spend upon his haters” (Antony and Cleopatra 5.1 8-9) [indicates Act 5, Scene 1, lines 8-9]</td>
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