**Basic Rules for In-Text Citations**

**Where do I put my in-text citations?**

Citations belong AFTER THE END QUOTATION MARKS and BEFORE THE PERIOD.

**Sources with a Known Author**

If you use the author’s name in your signal phrase leading up to the evidence…

* cite only the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.
	+ ex.) Smith has compared these authors (203-05).

If you do not use the author’s name in your signal phrase…

* cite the author’s last name, insert one space, and include the page number.
	+ ex.) These authors have been compared elsewhere (Smith 203-05).

**Sources in which the Author is Not Known**

If your source does not have a listed author and you do indicate your source title in the signal phrase…

* cite only the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.
	+ ex.) The article “Are You Kidding Me?” includes the following statistic: “90% of students should understand how to cite after learning how to do it so many times” (3).

If your source does not have a listed author and you do not indicate your source title in the signal phrase…

* cite the first few words of the title in quotation marks, insert one space, and include the page number.
	+ Apparently, learning how to use in-text citations comes with experience, as “90% of students should understand how to cite after learning how to do it so many times” (“Are You Kidding Me?” 3).

**Quoting an Expert that Appears in One of Your Sources Who is NOT THE AUTHOR**

If you want to quote someone who the author/source quoted, your citation needs to indicate as much.

* If the author is known, your citation will need to look like this: (qtd. in AUTHOR)
	+ ex.) Jeff Legan, high school principal, affirms, “Everyone who is anyone knows how to use MLA citations” (qtd. in Long-Goldberg).

* If the author is not known, your citation will need to look like this: (qtd. in “Title”)
	+ ex.) Celebrity LeBron James says, “Using MLA formatting is as easy as dabbing” (qtd. in “Are You Kidding Me?”).
* Either way, it should be crystal clear which source the quotation came from.

**Using the Same Source Two or More Times in a Row in the Same Paragraph**

If you use the same source two or more times in a row in the same paragraph, in the second and all subsequent citations…

* cite only the page number in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

**ALL SOURCES CITED IN YOUR ESSAY NEED TO APPEAR ON YOUR WORKS CITED PAGE!!!!**