QUESTION: When do I need to cite in the text of my essay?
ANSWER:
1. When you quote a portion of a source
AND
2. When you paraphrase information from a source

IMPORTANT: NOT DOING SO IS PLAGIARISM!

In-text citations for print sources with known author

For Print sources like books, magazines, scholarly journal articles, and newspapers, provide the author's last name and a page number. If you provide the author's name as part of the sentence, you do not need to include it in the parenthetical citation.

Human beings have been described by Kenneth Burke as "symbol-using animals" (3).

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These examples must correspond to an entry that begins with Burke, which will be the first thing that appears on the left-hand margin of an entry in the Works Cited:

Burke, Kenneth. *Language as Symbolic Action: Essays on Life, Literature, and Method.*

    Berkeley: U of California P, 1966. Print.

Citing a work by multiple authors

For a source with 3 or fewer authors, list the authors' last names in the text or in the parenthetical citation:

Smith, Yang, and Moore argue that tougher gun control is not needed in the United States (76).

The authors state "Tighter gun control in the United States erodes Second Amendment rights" (Smith, Yang, and Moore 76).

For a source with more than three authors, use the work's bibliographic information as a guide for your citation. Provide the first author's last name followed by et al. or list all the last names.

Jones et al. counter Smith, Yang, and Moore's argument by noting that the current spike in gun violence in America compels law makers to adjust gun laws (4).

Citing indirect sources

Sometimes you may have to use an indirect source. An indirect source is a source cited in another source. For such indirect quotations, use "qtd. in" to indicate the source you actually consulted. For example:

Ravitch argues that high schools are pressured to act as "social service centers, and they don't do that well" (qtd. in Weisman 259).

Citing a Web source with a known author

One online film critic stated that *Fitzcarraldo* is "...a beautiful and terrifying critique of obsession and colonialism" (Garcia).

This example must correspond to an entry that begins with Garcia, which will be the first thing that appears on the left-hand margin of an entry in the Works Cited:

Garcia, Elizabeth. "Herzog: a Life." *Online Film Critics Corner*. The Film School of

New Hampshire, 2 May 2002. Web. 8 Jan. 2009.

Citing a Web source with an unknown author

For an individual page on a Web site, list the author or alias if known, followed by the information covered above for entire Web sites. Remember to use n.p. *if no publisher name is available and* n.d. *if no publishing date is given.*

Most of the reports submitted to the Starbucks Business and Ethics Compliance Department address issues in the category of employee relations ("Business Ethics").

This example must correspond to an entry that begins with "Business…", which will be the first thing that appears on the left-hand margin of an entry in the Works Cited:

"Business Ethics." *Starbucks Coffee*. Starbucks, 2009. Web. 10 Sept. 2009.

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NOTE: If a source has no author and is sponsored by a corporation or government agency, name the corporation or agency as the author.