

Research fundamentals

Works Cited Page

- NoodleTools
 - Correct citation type selected for each source
 - Get help with creating this page to avoid disasters with the parenthetical citations later
 - Incorrect Works Cited pages & citations will disqualify the paper
 - Print/export to Word to guarantee correct format
- Only works (sources or materials) actually cited in the paper
 - Delete any sources that don't match citations in the actual paper

Ways to include outside information in the paper

- Direct quote (word for word—usually a sentence or two, no more)
- Paraphrase (about the same length but in the student's own words)
- Summary (A large quantity of information “boiled down” to a much shorter statement)

How to introduce and use outside information

- **Introduce** the source
 - According to Stephen Hawking's video *The Beginning of Time*
- **Insert** the quote, paraphrase, etc
 - According to Stephen Hawking's video *The Beginning of Time*, a time traveler could reach the edge of the universe in 80 years.

How to give credit for outside information (use a parenthetical citation)

- According to Stephen Hawking's video *The Beginning of Time*, a time traveler could reach the edge of the universe in 80 years (Hawking).
 - What is in parentheses?
 - Where did that name come from?
 - Where is the period to end the sentence?

When to use a parenthetical citation to give credit for outside information

- Was it “common knowledge”
 - If yes, no citation needed
 - If no, tell where the info was found
- Did it come from the student’s own thoughts?
 - If yes, no citation needed
 - If no, tell where the info was found

How many citations per page?

- Most of the ideas expressed should be the student's own thoughts, comments, analyses, explanations, or synthesis of ideas
- One or two citations per page to support the student's own thoughts should be adequate.
- The paper must not be page after page of quotes or other outside ideas.
- Do not put two cites together. Write analysis or explanations in between.
- **HOWEVER**, each piece of outside information must be cited.

MLA Parenthetical Citations

- Go **INSIDE** the period which ends the quote, paraphrase, or summary statement
- Include the first word of the corresponding entry from the Works Cited page
 - Never an entire name of an author
 - Never an entire name of an article
- Include a page number from the **ORIGINAL** article or book if available