#2. Instructions for how to write in-text citations

Be sure to see handout

#1. Instructions for how to write a Works Cited list first.

When you QUOTE someone (use their words by copy/pasting or some other method), you must put quotation marks around the words you’ve copied and cite the source of the words in-text.

When you PARAPHRASE (put information or ideas in your own words), you must cite the source of the information in-text.

Each source that appears on your Works Cited list should also appear as a citation in-text.

Here’s what you do:

1. After you use a quotation (something you copied exactly from a source) and after you paraphrase (write an idea from a source in your own words), locate the source on your Works Cited.

2. Write the first piece of information that appears in the citation in brackets after the quotation or paraphrased idea. For print sources, include the page number.

Here’s an example of an in-text citation on a PowerPoint slide.

This example has an in-text citation for a paraphrased idea and an in-text citation for a quotation.

Here’s an example, here’s a quotation and an in-text citation from The Hunger Games book. Because it’s a print source, I’ve included a page number.

Katniss hears a “mocking jay give the warning whistle that precedes the hovercraft” (Collins 237).