

## USING PARENTHETICAL OR IN TEXT CITATIONS for Direct Quotations or Paraphrases

When completing your written research assignments, it is necessary to give credit to your sources in a **Bibliography** or **Works Cited** page at the end of the paper and also within the text of the writing itself whenever you use **direct quotations** or **paraphrase** another source. Below are samples of how to use quoted and paraphrased in-text citations using *MLA* format.

**1) In Text Citation for Direct Quote when author is known:** Whenever you quote a source word-for-word you need to include quotation marks and a citation at the end of the quote. The author's last name and the page number appear in parentheses, followed by a period.

**Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings"  
(Wordsworth 263).**

In the *Works Cited* page, you would include the following citation for the source of the quote above.:

**Wordsworth, William. *Lyrical Ballads*. London: Oxford U.P., 1967. Print.**

**2) In Text Citation for Direct Quotation with No Known Author:** When a quote has no known author, use a shortened version of the title (which appears first in the citation), followed by a page number if known within parentheses.

**We see so many global warming hotspots in North America likely because this region has "more readily accessible climatic data and more comprehensive programs to monitor and study environmental change . . ." ("Impact of Global Warming" 6).**

The works cited page entry for the above in-text citation is as follows.

**"The Impact of Global Warming in North America." *Global Warming: Early Signs*. 1999. Web. 23 Mar. 2009.**

**3) Paraphrase:** If you paraphrase another author's idea or argument or restate facts that are not common knowledge, you must include an in-text citation.

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

The works cited page entry for the above paraphrase is as follows:

**Smith, John and Brian Yang. *Gun Control*. New York: Doubleday, 2010.**