

MLA CITATION GUIDE

IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations are designed to give the reader a brief reference to where you got your ideas and information. If the reader wants to know more, s/he can look at the **Works Cited page**. Use them:

1. when **quoting** the words and information from a source, and
2. when **using a source's information** but putting it **in your own words—paraphrasing** (source's information/ideas + your words = paraphrasing)

All that MLA requires for an in-text citation is the source's **author** and **page number**. When you cite this information, make sure that **the period at the end of the sentence comes after the citation**. Thus, a line of quoted material from a print source would look like this:

“Not being able to duck and dodge and remain alive, Dodge lay down in the ashes, where the heat was least intense and where he was close enough to the ground to find some oxygen” (Maclean 105).

If you mention the author of your work in the sentence itself (or if you are discussing one author at length and have not introduced another author since in the same paragraph), just use the page number by itself:

Maclean argues that Dodge's strategy of quickly setting a safety fire and burrowing in its ashes to survive was definitively new—something that no one in recorded history had tried before (104-5).

The only exception to the author-page number rule is for **Internet web pages**. Since most web pages don't have page numbers, **just cite the author alone**.

How MLA Citations Connect to Bibliography

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Soon after the King incident took place in 1991, a video of the beating began showing up on local TV and eventually the whole nation knew about it. It turns out that someone had video taped the whole beating and sold it to a local news station caused outrage around the country, and people started questioning various enforcement agencies.

This incident was not Rodney King's first run-in with the law. Rod born on April 2nd, 1965 to Ronald and Odessa King. Through out his child parents were not around very much; both of his parents worked multiple Ronald, an alcoholic, died at age 42. As a result of these circumstances, K alcohol at a young age. In November 1989, Rodney King attempted to roll iron bar and threatened to hit the storeowner. He was convicted and sent year prison term ("Los Angeles Police"). King served one year at the Calif Center, then was paroled. King was then hired as a part-time laborer at D King, who was 6'3, was referred to as the "Gentle Giant". He married Crys had two children of her own. King already had two children of his own a pressure having to take care of four kids (Gray).

The Los Angeles District Attorney charged LAPD officers Stacy Koo Powell, Timothy Wind, and Theodore Briseno with use of excessive force. judge was changed due to contamination of the jury pool by the media, so moved the trial to another venue in the predominantly white town of Simi Angeles Police"). The new jury was seen as very controversial because of white people. There were ten white people, one Latino, and one Asian, and no African-Americans ("Los Angeles Police"). The trial's prosecutor, Terry White, was African-

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