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Author's name in text: Cite only the publication year in parentheses after the author's name.

In-text example:

In the *Silent Spring* Carsen (1962) made an intelligent and passionate case for the immediate cessation of careless and pervasive pesticide use.

References:

Carsen, R. (1962). Silent spring. Greenwich, CT: Fawcett.

Author's name not in text: include both the author's last name and the publication year in parentheses at the end of the sentence separated by a comma.

In-text example:

Silent Spring was one of the first books to discuss dangers of pesticide use (Carsen, 1962).

References:

Carsen, R. (1962). Silent spring. Greenwich, CT: Fawcett.

No Author listed for source (cite by title): When there is no author, not even an organizational author, listed for a work, include the first few words of the title followed by the publication year in parentheses at the end of the sentence.

In-text example:

Many in the liquor industry argue that the ban on television liquor advertising gives those in the beer and wine industry an unfair advantage ("Liquor Advertising," 2002).

References:

Liquor advertising on TV. (2002). *Issues & Controversies*, 8(1). Retrieved from Academic OneFile database.

Direct quote with page:

In-text examples:

Critser (2003) noted that despite growing numbers of overweight Americans, many health care providers still “remain either in ignorance or outright denial about the health danger to the poor and the young” (p. 5).

Despite growing numbers of overweight Americans, many health care providers still “remain either in ignorance or outright denial about the health danger to the poor and the young” (Critser, 2003, p. 5).

References:

Critser, G. (2003). *Fat land: how Americans became the fattest people in the world*. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin.

Electronic sources

When an electronic source lacks page numbers, you should try to include information that will help readers find the passage being cited. When an electronic document has numbered paragraphs, use the ¶ symbol, or the abbreviation "para." followed by the paragraph number (Hall, 2001, ¶ 5) or (Hall, 2001, para. 5). If the paragraphs are not numbered and the document includes headings, provide the appropriate heading and specify the paragraph under that heading. **Note:** Never use the page numbers of web pages you print out; different computers print web pages with different pagination.

In-text example:

The water level in the Great Lakes has gone down in recent years (Hill, 2008, para. 5).

References:

Hill, M. (2008, July). *If Great Lakes drop, hydropower likely affected*. Great Lakes Directory. Retrieved from <http://www.greatlakesdirectory.org/Minnesota/sept0108>

For more detail and examples see:

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