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In-text example:

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

References:


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In-text example:

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

References:


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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:


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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).

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The water level in the Great Lakes has gone down in recent years (Hill, Sept. 1, 2008, para. 5).

References: