



# MLA 8

Writing Center



# Citation

When you use words or ideas from another source in your essay or presentation, you have to indicate where you got it from.



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## Citation Example:

university, specifying that “agriculture was to be an integral part of the curriculum” (Danhof 71). Not much was accomplished, however, much to the dissatisfaction of farmers, and in 1855, the state authorized a new college to be “devoted to agriculture and to be independent of the university” (Danhof 71). The government became more involved



# When do we use a citation?

- Words and ideas presented from another source
- Information gained through interviews
- When you reprint/reuse visuals



## When do we NOT use a citation?

- Your own lived experiences
- Your own thoughts and observations
- Your own artwork and visuals
- Common knowledge (myths, observations, historical events)
- Generally accepted facts.
  - Pollution is bad for the environment.



## Devor Article: Print Source from an Anthology

When author IS introduced before the quote

Devor states, “Many activities and modes of expression are recognized by most members of society as feminine” (485).

- Quotes for exact words taken from source
- (page #)
- Period *after* parentheses



## Devor Article: Print Source from an Anthology

When author is not introduced before the quote:

“Many activities and modes of expression are recognized by most members of society as feminine” (Devor 485).

- Quotes for exact words taken from source
- (last name page #)
- Period *after* parentheses



## Citing a Website

“The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue” (*Purdue OWL*).

- Quotation marks for exact text
- No page or paragraph number necessary
- Period *after* the parentheses





## Citing a Film

When creating in-text citations for film and other forms of media that have a runtime, italicize the name of the source and include the range of hours, minutes and seconds that you're referencing:

*(The Wizard of Oz 00:02:12-00:02:40)*



## Citing a Live Presentation

When citing a live presentation, there is no need to mention the presenter's name twice. Therefore, a parenthetical is not needed.

**During the presentation, Kendall Nelson stated that Google Translate is a form of academic dishonesty.**

If the presenter's name is not mentioned in the sentence, a parenthetical is needed:

**During the presentation, it was stated that Google Translate is a form of academic dishonesty (Nelson).**

# Works Cited



## Citing a website:

*The Purdue OWL Family of Sites*. The Writing Lab and OWL at Purdue and Purdue U, 2008,  
owl.english.purdue.edu/owl. Accessed 23 Apr. 2008.

## Citing a film:

*Speed Racer*. Directed by Lana Wachowski and Lilly Wachowski, performances by Emile Hirsch, Nicholas Elia,  
Susan Sarandon, Ariel Winter, and John Goodman, Warner Brothers, 2008.

## Citing a live presentation:

Stein, Bob. "Reading and Writing in the Digital Era." *Discovering Digital Dimensions, Computers and Writing*  
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## Online Databases

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Password: H!tchcock99



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