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In-Text Citations

Paraphrase

When the author's name is in a sentence, cite the relevant page number **before** the period.

> *Example:* Bandura found that the preservation of identity over time has as much to do with social factors as it does with our individual psyches (170).

When the author's name is not in the sentence, cite the author's last name and the page number. This must correspond to an entry in the Works Cited.

> *Example:* Personal identity is not just a matter of self-characterization and other phenomenological factors but also in a sense of agency (Bandura 170).

Short quote (< 4 lines of prose or 3 lines of verse)

Always integrate the citation into a sentence, enclose it in quotation marks, and end with a citation. The same rules apply as in the case of a paraphrase. If the author's name is mentioned, only the page number is necessary; if it is not, include both the author's last name and the page number.

> *Example:* In Bandura's view, an infant begins to self-differentiate through "proprioceptive feedback from one's activities and self-referent information from visual and other modalities during transactions with the environment" (169).

Long quote (> 4 lines of prose or 3 lines of verse)

Extended quotations must cite the author's name and the page number either integrated into a sentence or at the end of the citation after the period. The quotation is indented .5in. from the left and double-spaced.

> *Example:*

Bandura concludes that:

> Personal identity is partially constructed from one's social identity as reflected in how one is treated by significant others. As the model of triadic reciprocal causation suggests, a sense of selfhood is the product of a complex interplay of personal construal processes and the social reality in which one lives. (170)

Works Cited

Quantity of Authors

<u>1 author</u>: Last Name, First Name. **Example**: Smith, John.

<u>2+ authors</u>: Last Name, First Name, and First Name Last Name. **Example**: Smith, John, and Mary Fields.

Book:

Bandura, Albert. *Self-Efficacy: The Exercise of Control.* W.H. Freeman, 1997.

E-Book:

McEvoy, Sean. *Shakespeare: The Basics.* 2nd ed. EBook, Routledge, 2006.

Part of a Book:

Bandura, Albert. "Exercise of Personal and Collective Efficacy in Changing Societies." *Self-efficacy in Changing Societies*, edited by Albert Bandura, Cambridge UP, 1995, pp. 1-45.

Journal Article (print and database):

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol. #, no. #, Date of Publication, page number, *Database name.*
Example: Godwin, John. "Wallace's 'Jest'." *Explicator*, vol. 61, no. 2, 2003, pp. 122-24. *General OneFile.*

Article in a Magazine or Newspaper:

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Magazine*, Date of Publication, page numbers, *Database Name.*
Example: Medeiros, Brian. "Keep Cows Comfortable." *Dairy Today*, 13 Oct. 2011, pp. 33+. *General OneFile.*

Website Article:

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Website*, Website Publisher (if different than title), Date of Publication, URL. Date of Access.
Example: Stewart, Bob. "Biostimulants." *Plant News*, University of Maryland, 5 Aug. 2009, www.ipmnet.umd.edu/5-4art1.htm. Accessed 2 Nov. 2010

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Example: *Museum of Natural History.* Smithsonian, 2012, www.mnh.smithsonian.gove.