

Examples of In-Text (also called Parenthetical) Citations

1. **Always introduce your quotation or paraphrase with some information about where the information you are providing came from. Then provide the author's last name, or if unavailable, a portion of the title of the work and the page number, if available:**

Example with an author :

According to historians, "No one in history has murdered so often or with such disdain as Joseph Stalin" (Evans 14). Note : We get a general idea of where the information came from, and the specific author and page number are given in parentheses.

Example without an author or a page number (often occurs in websites) :

The Ellis Island website provides records of immigrant passenger lists where my great-grandfather's name appears in 1920 ("Passenger").

Note : No page number is provided because the website does not have page numbers. "Passenger" is the first word of the title of the article in which the great-grandfather's name appeared, and is included in parentheses in place of an author's name because there is no author mentioned in that web page article.

2. **You may also include the author's name or the name of the source in your introductory phrase, in which case you only need to provide the page number (if there is one) in parentheses :**

Example :

According to historian Colin Evans, "No one in history has murdered so often or with such disdain as Joseph Stalin" (14). Note : The author is mentioned in the sentence and so is omitted in the parentheses.

Example of an article from a website mentioned in the sentence :

According to the website "World War II POWs," many of those that died in the Bataan Death March were never identified and were buried in Manila. Note : This website has no author and since the title was mentioned in the sentence, and the website also has no page numbers, no parenthetical citation is needed. Your teacher will find the article on the Works Cited page by locating "World War II POWs."

