APA 7th Edition: In-text Citation

APA in-text citation is used to:
- Support your claims in a standard and uniform way.
- Strengthen your argument with facts, statistics, and other ideas.
- Add credibility to your work by properly attributing ownership to any source material used.

NOTE: APA In-text citations show the author’s last name and year of publication - (author, date) citation system. They can be used in parenthesis or integrated into a sentence.

Parenthetical citation: ... was completed (Demosthenes, 2020).
Narrative citation: Demosthenes (year) founded that...

There are three basic parts of the in-text citation:
- Author (year of publication)
- Direct quote, Paraphrase, or Block quote
- Parenthetical citation

APA in-text citations are used in three ways:
- Direct quotes - If quote is under 40 words, place it in double quotation marks.
- Paraphrase – Restatement of another’s ideas in your own words.
- Block quoting – If direct quote is 40 words or longer.

Example of Direct quote with Narrative Citation:

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Signal Phrase

Quote Parenthetical

If you are directly quoting from a work, the citation needs to include the author, year of publication, and page number for the reference:

- Use "p." for a single page
- Use “pp.” for multiple pages, with the page numbers separated by a dash, discontinuous pages are separated by a comma

Direct quotations from sources that do not contain pages means that you may need reference to another logical identifying element:
Example of a **paraphrase:**

Tolstoy’s novella, *The Death of Ivan Ilyich* (1886), teaches us that the dread of isolation is not merely caused by someone being alone. Rather, isolation’s dread exists due to the condition of one’s choice to be alone within a highly populated city full of close friends, family and loved ones.

If you are **paraphrasing** an idea from another work, you only have to make reference to the author and year of publication in your in-text reference and **may disregard the page numbers**. If you are paraphrasing more than one or two sentences, cite the work on first mention. If continuing to another paragraph, restate the citation. Also, make sure the context indicates the continuation of the author’s(s’) idea(s).

Example of a **block quote:**

Martha Nussbaum’s article “Objectification” (1995) points to an interesting misconception in parent–child relationships:

The treatment of young children by their parents almost always involves a denial of autonomy; it involves some aspects of ownership, though not all. On the other hand, in almost all times and places it has been thought bad for parents to treat their children as lacking in bodily integrity – battery and abuse, though common, are more or less universally deplored. (p. 262)

**Block quotes** have 40 words or more. Start the quotation on a new line, indented 1/2 inch from the left margin, i.e., in the same place you would begin a new paragraph; these quotes do not contain quotation marks (“…”), nor is there a period after the final parenthesis.
In-text Citation Styles:

- One Author → (Arellano, 2020)
- Two Authors → (Arellano & Navarro, 2020)
  (Note: & will only be used for parenthetical, “and” will be used for signal phrases.)
- Three or more Authors → (Arellano et al., 2020)
- Group Author with Abbreviation → (San Antonio College [SAC], 2020) → if subsequent citation is used (SAC, 2020)
- Group Author without Abbreviation → (Texas A&M University, San Antonio, 2020)

In-text Non-Academic Copyrighted Works

- Social Media:
  If known, list the original poster’s last name or account name, followed by their screen name and year.
  (Name of individual or group, year). → Name of Individual or Group (2013)

- Video Source:
  For sources accessed on video hosting websites such as YouTube, use the following format:
  Note: Use the name of the account that uploaded the video as the author.
  (Account Name, year). → Account Name (2013)
  Note on video sources: If you choose to refer to only a specific portion of the video, then you must include hour: minute: second or minute: second. Example: (Patel & Gupta, 2019, 1:27:34). Time stamp should start from the beginning of the quote.

For further guidance on citation of legal documents in APA 7th edition style please visit
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_style_introduction.html or the