

Parenthetical Documentation

...on how to give credit to the original source within the paper (Thompson 11).

Any information taken from a source that is not known by the general public must be cited in parenthetical documentation within the paper. Remember that internet sources do not have page numbers (Lambert).

The source's title or the author's last name will serve as the word that students place within the parenthesis. (Lambert 8). Remember that Noodle Tools will create the information required inside the parenthesis, the parenthetical documentation (12-13). After the author's last name or title, simply place the page #, assuming it is a print source, from where the information came, enclose it in parenthesis, and follow it with a period (Nolen [page#]). Page numbers are only required for print sources (Thompson).

Basic Rules

It is not necessary to place a citation following every piece of different information if it comes from the same source. For example, if one source is used to write all of the information for one paragraph, and no other sources are consulted, just place the parenthetical documentation at the end of the paragraph.

Once a second source with a page number has been listed to give credit to a source, simply placing the page number of the first source will not work. If a page number is listed by itself, it says that page number goes with the previously listed parenthetical documentation including a name or title word. Look at the following example.

Citing multiple sources within a paragraph.

Transportation uses among the people living in Timbuktu go beyond the imagination of people living within the United States. Though cars may be the most popular method among the citizens of the states, the good people of Timbuktu tend to take a slower method. Oxen lead the charge down the dirt highways of the land (Nelson 3). Finding fuel among the land of the oxen doesn't happen very often, so the people have created man-made canals to offer water throughout the desert region (4). People love their oxen; it is as if they are more of a pet than just a method of transport. Oxen live in a barn-type dwelling, but it is more luxury than necessity by the standards of most people (National 364). The oxen stay with a family for only about half of their life span due to a decrease in usefulness as they put on a lot of miles over the years (Nelson 2).

Citing one source with a minimal # of pages for all of the information within a paragraph.

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