

MLA 9th Quick Guide
APSU Writing Center Handout

What is an in-text citation?

In-text citations give credit for any material you **quote, paraphrase, or summarize** in your essay. They direct your reader to the full citation on the Works Cited page.

- Include **author's last name** and **page number**.
- The author's name can appear **in the sentence** or in **parentheses** after the quotation or paraphrase.
- Page numbers always appear **in parentheses**, not in the sentence.
- **Example:** Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

What is a Works Cited Page?

The Works Cited page lists **full citations** for all sources referenced in your essay. It appears on a **separate page at the end**.

- **Title:** Work Cited or Works Cited (centered at the top of the page).
- **Spacing:** Double-space all entries.
- **Indentation:** Use a hanging indent by indenting the second and following lines of each citation by half an inch.
- **Order:** List entries **alphabetically** by author's last name

Work Cited

Garcia, Maria. "Understanding Social Media Trends." *Communication Studies Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2018, pp. 10-25. JSTOR, doi:10.5678/csqr.35.2.10.