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MLA-8 In-Text Citations

In addition to having a works cited or reference page, you must also cite the author in-text, following the quotation or paraphrased statement. If you are quoting directly from the text, be sure to include the page number or numbers that the work appeared on. For your convenience, we have included page numbers for the MLA Style Guide 8th Edition (MLA) and The Bedford Handbook 9th Edition (BH).

Print Works

Work with one author (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith 32).

Work with two authors (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith and Williams 55-56).

Work with three or more authors (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith et al. 12).

Work with no author; use first two words of title (MLA 116-118):

"This is an example sentence" ("Article Name" 1123).

Work with a corporate author (MLA 116-117):

"This is an example sentence" (Organization Name 11).

Internet Works

Site with one author (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith).

Site with two authors (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith and Williams).

Site with more than three authors (MLA 116, 126):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith et al.).

Site with no author; use first two words of title (MLA 116-118):

"This is an example sentence" ("Webpage Name").

Site with a corporate author (MLA 116-117):

"This is an example sentence" (Organization Title).

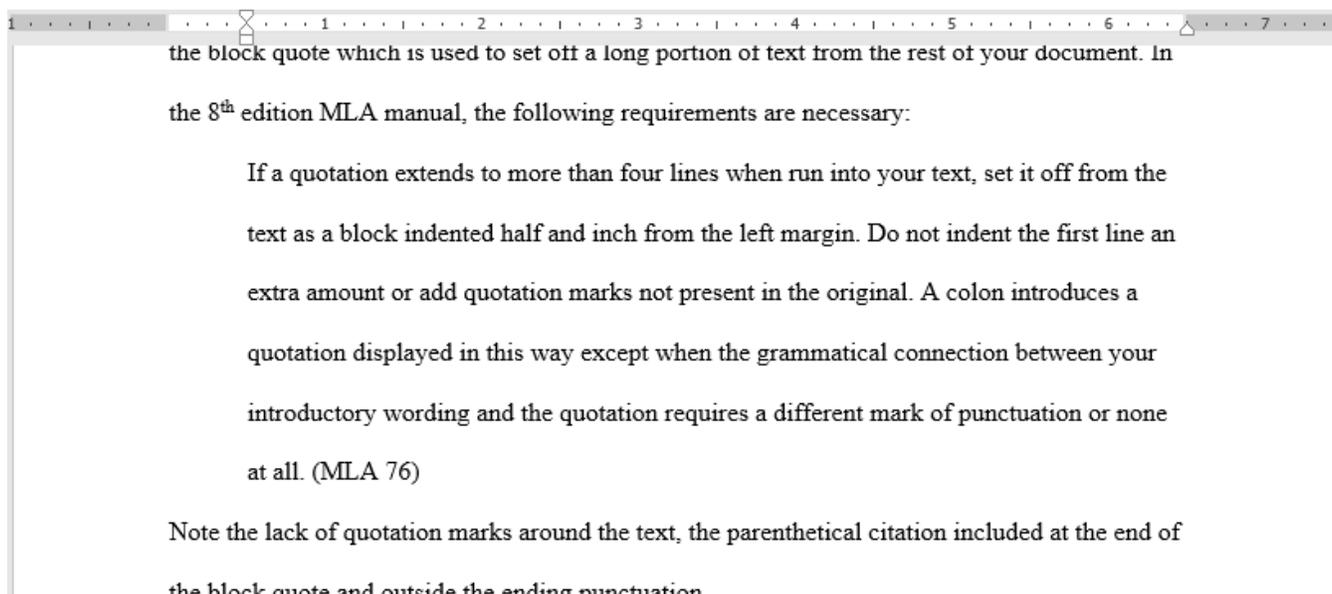
Site that numbers paragraphs (MLA 126-127):

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, par. 1).

"This is an example sentence" (Smith, pars. 1-2).

Block Quotes (MLA 76-77)

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To set up a block quote in word, highlight the text you wish to include in the block quote and click on the increase indent button once. This button is located in the Paragraph category on your Home ribbon and looks like this: 

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