

Citing Sources in Your I-Search Paper

Basic In-Text Citation Rules

In MLA style, referring to the works of others in your text is done by using what's known as parenthetical citation. Immediately following a quotation from a source or a paraphrase of a source's ideas, you place the author's name followed by a space and the relevant page number(s).

Human beings have been described as "symbol-using animals" (Burke 3).

Your in-text citation will correspond with an entry in your Works Cited page, which, for the Burke citation above, will look something like this:

Burke, Kenneth. Language as Symbolic Action: Essays on Life, Literature, and Method. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1966.

When a source has no known author, use a shortened title of the work instead of an author name. Place the title in quotation marks.

The movie *Source Code* was expected to be an unqualified success, and it almost has been. ("Design" 1)

*****Most webpages won't have page numbers, just put the page as "1".

"Design of a Great Movie." 4 Apr. 2011. 11 Apr. 2011.
<<http://www.atthemovies.com/>>.

Multiple Citations

To cite multiple sources in the same parenthetical reference, separate the citations by a semi-colon:

...as has been discussed elsewhere (Burke 3; Dewey 21).

You have already learned to make Works Cited page that allows readers to know which sources you consulted in writing your essay, so that they can either verify your interpretation of the sources or use them in their own work.

Information on this page found at:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/02/>

Should Honolulu Have Rail Transit?

The City and County of Honolulu is suppose to break ground on a 20-mile rail transit system that is estimated to cost over 5 billion dollars and be completed over the next 10 years. The train route will run between Kapolei and Ala Moana Shopping Center with additional routes to Waikiki and the University of Hawaii added in later years (“Your” 1). Those in favor of rail transit feel its positive effects on our community outweigh the negative effects. Those against it feel the cost is too much and it will negatively affect the community. Although both groups differ in their beliefs, both are passionate about how rail transit will impact Honolulu.

Pros of Rail Transit

Those in favor of rail transit.....

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