APA Style: In-Text Citations

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In-text citations for the cited source below:


Example 1: You do not mention the author’s name along with the quote.

"Politicians and medical policy makers are going to have to do a lot of catch-up to keep pace with the science of genetic research" (Keenan, 2005, p. 143).

Example 2: You include the author’s name with the quote. Publication date is listed in parentheses after the author’s name, and the page number is at the end of the quote.

According to Keenan (2005), "Politicians and medical policy makers are going to have to do a lot of catch-up to keep pace with the science of genetic research" (p. 143).

Example 3: Blocked quotes of 40 words or more are double-spaced and indented 1/2 inch. Notice no quotation marks are used.

Keenan (2005) stated the following:

In the United States, DNA collection for law enforcement is coordinated and supported by the federal government ... if it matches any person in the database or any evidence from other crime scenes. (p. 144)

TIPS:

- Your in-text citation should always refer your reader to your References page; the first word listed in the reference (usually the author’s name, but not always) should be the word used in the in-text. (It is acceptable to include more than one word to avoid confusion, if necessary.)

- If a word has quotes or is italicized in your reference citation, it should have quotes or be italicized in your in-text citation.

- Include only the year of publication in parentheses, even if an exact date is listed in the reference citation.

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