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Research Paper: Step Seven

Rough Draft with Internal Citations _____/30 points

*Take outline and write a rough draft of your research paper using internal citations.

How and When to Cite**What is a citation?**

It is a reference to the source in which you found the information you are using.

Why should citations be used?

1. Citations reveal your quality and variety of research.
2. Citations make your claims legitimate and verifiable.
3. Citations help you avoid plagiarism.

When should citations be used?

Document, or credit, your source when you are:

- using another person's exact words.
- presenting an original idea that is not your own.
- reporting a fact that is supported by research.

How do I put citations into my paper?

Astronomers suspected that supernovas "might serve as stellar forges" (Erickson 415).

Basic Format

The basic format for MLA in-text citation is as follows:

(Author's Last Name_Page Number) (_ = space)

i.e. One author claims that "no one is concerned with this issue" (Jones 45).

The period goes AFTER the citation.

If the author's last name appears in the citation, then only a page number is required:

i.e. "Howard Jones argues that 'no one is concerned with this issue'" (45).