In-Text Citations

Whenever you use information that did not come from you, or is not "common knowledge," you need to have a citation. We've already collected information that you'll need for your works cited citations at the very end of your essay, but you'll need short, in-text citations at the end of any sentence or paragraph that uses information that didn't come from you.

General Rules About In-Text Citations

1. Include a citation anytime you use information that didn't come from you.
2. If you paraphrase a whole paragraph with information from a source, you can cite the one source at the end of the paragraph.
3. If you use a quote, even if it's in a paragraph that uses information from the source, include a citation.
4. It's better to have too many in-text citations than too few. If you're not sure if you need one, just include it!

In-Text Citation Format

Generally, an in-text citation will look like the following:
- The author, so and so, said "Your information here" (Author Last Name Pg #).

Or if you paraphrased:
- My person was born on January 1, 1988 (Author Last Name Pg #).

The quotation marks do not go around the citation.
The period goes after the citation, outside the parentheses.

Formats:

- Print source (book, magazine that has page numbers): (Author Last Name Pg #)
- Online Source: (Author Last Name)
- Sources with no known author: ("Title of Article/Webpage")
- Citing two different sources with same last name: (Authors First Name initial. Last Name)
- Citing sources with more than one author (First Author's Last Name and Second Author's Last Name).