

MLA Parenthetical Citations and Works Cited

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Exercise A:

Examine each of the following pairs carefully. Indicate the passage that handles MLA in-text citations correctly and briefly explain what is wrong with the citation in the other passage.

- 1) _____
 - a. In "Death and Justice," Edward Koch, former mayor of New York City argues that "life is precious, and . . . the death penalty helps to affirm this fact (857)."
 - b. In "Death and Justice," Edward Koch, former mayor of New York City, argues that "life is precious, and . . . the death penalty helps to affirm this fact" (857).

- 2) _____
 - a. "Arguing about whether nontraditional families deserve pity or tolerance is a little like the medieval debate about left-handedness as a mark of the devil" (Kingsolver 168).
 - b. Kingsolver points out that "arguing about whether nontraditional families deserve pity or tolerance is a little like the medieval debate about left-handedness as a mark of the devil" (168).

- 3) _____
 - a. "There is a Chinese word for the female, which is slave, " writes Maxine Hong Kingston (191). "Break the women with their own tongues!" (191). She means that since women had no other word to use to refer to themselves than one meaning slave, they eventually lost any sense of dignity and independence they might once have had.
 - b. "There is a Chinese word for the female, which is slave, " writes Maxine Hong Kingston. "Break the women with their own tongues!" She means that since women had no other word to use to refer to themselves than one meaning slave, they eventually lost any sense of dignity and independence they might once have had (191).

- 4) _____
 - a. One study revealed that "by 1991 two-thirds (66.7%) of all mothers with children under eighteen were in the labor force" (107).
 - b. One study revealed that "by 1991 two-thirds (66.7%) of all mothers with children under eighteen were in the labor force" (Etzioni 107).

- 5) _____

Exercise B:

Using the information set below, write correct parenthetical citations for each example. Note: remember where the punctuation goes!!

Pretend this is your Works Cited page:

Donaldson, Sam. *Bantering on Watergate*. New York: Penguin Books, 1985. Print.

Jennings, Peter. *Pushing the Limits of Political Journalism*. Washington: Greater Politics Press, 1994. Print.

Xavier, Jason. *Somewhere in the Political Realm*. New York: Ballantine, 2002. Print.

- 1) "He spoke to us in German and then left us behind" ()
--from Donaldson's *Bantering on Watergate*, page 45
- 2) "I never thought of myself as proud", says Jennings in his book *Pushing the Limits of Political Journalism* ()
--This source was located on page 107.
- 3) "Enraged is how he felt after the episode" ()
--From Jason Xavier's book *Somewhere in the Political Realm*, page 233.

Exercise C

Book with One Author

According to Eric Schlosser, "fast food chains are now gaining access to the last advertising-free outposts of American life," public schools ().

Taken from: *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser, page 51, published in New York by Perennial in 2002.

Works Cited Entry:

Article from a Website

Flintoff writes, "The religious board that supervises elections has disqualified thousands of independent and reform candidates" ().

This article was taken from npr.org -- the website for National Public Radio. It is written by Corey Flintoff and is titled "Iranian Elections Provide View into Power Dynamics" in the World section of the website. This quote was taken from paragraph 2 of 10 paragraphs total. The article was published on March 12, 2008. I accessed it on March 13, 2008. It is a web source.

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