

# MLA 8 Citations

(a.k.a. embedded references or parenthetical references)

When to use?	
→	Direct quotations
→	Statistics
→	Map, chart, graph, picture created by another person
→	Original, unique idea or opinion <b>even if</b> you have paraphrased the idea

What are they?	
→	Brief indicators of source of information
→	For a <b>book</b> , include <b>author's last name</b> and <b>page number (Smith 43)</b> For a <b>website with an author/editor</b> provide the <b>author's last name (Jones)</b> For a <b>website with no author/editor</b> , use the name of the <b>section of the website in quotation marks ("Heart")</b>
→	Citation must clearly link to full reference in Works Cited list

How to create them?	
→	Put in <b>round brackets</b> after borrowed information
→	Include <b>first</b> piece of information from the full entry(author's last name or "section of website" plus page number if available)
→	Period comes after the citation

## Citing from a Book



Include the author's last name and page number in round brackets after quoted or paraphrased information.

### → *Direct quotation taken from a book:*

Nutrition is essential to full performance; in fact "athletes with poor nutrition can seriously damage the heart" (Cosgrave 48).

### → *Paraphrase from a book:*

One researcher even suggests that tuberculosis may kill thousands of North Americans in the next five years (Buckley 36).

or

Buckley suggests that tuberculosis may kill thousands in the next five years (36).

## Citing from a Website



When quoting/paraphrasing from a website when no author/editor is provided, use the first word from the section of the website you used.

### → *Paraphrase from a website:*

High blood pressure and diabetes are also factors for heart disease ("Heart").

This information has been **paraphrased** from the section "**Heart Disease, Heart Health**" found on the Health Canada website. Put the first word from the section used in quotation marks.

## Citing a Book

### Citation in an Essay

“The Meech Lake Accord unleashed a fierce debate within the country” (Nelles 244).

**OR**

According to Nelles, “the Meech Lake Accord unleashed a fierce debate within the country” (244).

When you include the author’s surname in the introduction to the quotation, then you only need to include the page number in the embedded citation.

### Entry in the Works Cited List

Nelles, H.V. *A Little History of Canada*. Oxford UP, 2004.

## Citing a Website

### Citation in an Essay

People may be surprised to learn that Laurier did not support the idea of Canadian Confederation, as he felt “both that the federal government would have too much power, and that French Canadians would be overwhelmed” (Bélanger).

### Entry in the Works Cited List

Bélanger, Réal. “Sir Wilfrid Laurier.” *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, revised by Tabitha Marshall,

Historia Canada, 23 March 2015, [www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/](http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sir-wilfrid-laurier/)

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## Reminders



Remember to cite all the information (quoted, paraphrased, summarized) you have used in your assignment.

The in-text citations always link to a works cited entry. You can’t have one without the other.