



Framing Quotes

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Definition: A method of integrating your quotes and textual evidence into your essay fluidly and contextually so the reader understands their purpose in your paper.

In-Text Citations:

It is extremely important when using someone else's words that they are always in quotation marks and the quote ends with an in-text citation.

APA:

According to Hackney (2023), "The nursing program at OSU-OKC is one of a kind" (p. 42).

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MLA:

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Framing Quotes:

When integrating quotes in an essay, it is important that they are presented in a certain format. There are just a few easy steps for framing quotes.



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1. Introduce the author - First, you need to introduce the author of the quote. Whether that is in the sentence before your quote or if you include an “according to” is up to you.
2. Quote - Provide the quote in quotation marks word for word. Include an in-text citation at the end of the quote.
3. Explain - Explain how the quote is relevant to your point or your topic as a whole. Thoroughly explain what the quote means, and then connect it to your point.

Example:

According to Hackney, “The nursing program at OSU-OKC is one of a kind” (42). This illustrates the quality of OSU-OKC’s nursing program from the perspective of one of the university’s distinguished professionals. This brings credibility to my claim that OSU-OKC has the best nursing program in the state.

Practice:

Introduce the Author - _____

Quote - _____

Explain - _____