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A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

DOCUMENTING SOURCES
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*Cite paraphrased documents by putting the author’s last name and the date of publication, separated by a comma, in parentheses.

**Cite quoted documents by putting the author’s last name, date of publication, and page number, separated by commas, in parentheses.

Examples:
Single Author*
(Walker, 2000)

Two Authors**
(Cheek & Buss, 1981, p. 322)

Three to Five Authors*
First time referenced
(Wasserstein, Zappulla, Rosen, Gerstman, & Rock, 1994)
Subsequent references
(Wasserstein, et al., 1994)

Six of More Authors
(Kosslyn et al., 1996, p. 184).

Author’s Name in Sequence
Walker (2000) compared reaction times...

Indirect Source
Buss indicated ... (as cited in Atkins & Haller, 1993).

CREATING THE REFERENCE LIST
List materials cited in the body of the paper in the “References” section located at the end of the paper. Organize references alphabetically by the first author's last name; start each entry with a hanging indent, and use double spacing:


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