

Module 3

Reference Citations in Text

Discussed in this section:

- How often to cite a source
- How to cite works with either single or multiple authors
- How to cite a secondary source
- How to cite a lecture

The Paragraph

- Cite the source completely
 - The very first time you refer to the work
 - Every time you refer to the source in a new paragraph
- Within a single paragraph you do not need to include the year in subsequent references to a single source, as long as it cannot be confused with other sources you are citing

Harris (1989) notes, "Children can also imagine believing something that they know to be false" (p. 77). Harris then states....

What if a reference has two authors?



- Always cite **BOTH** names every time the reference occurs

Piaget and Inhelder (1969) state...

Some theorists (Piaget & Inhelder, 1969) contend....

What if a reference has three to five authors?



- Cite *ALL* authors the *FIRST* time the reference occurs
- In subsequent citations include the name of the first author followed by "et al."

Peng, Johnson, Pollock, Glasspool, and Harris (1992) found....

Peng et al. (1992) found....

• If it is the first citation of the reference within a paragraph include the year

What if a reference has six or more authors?



- Cite only the surname of the first author followed by et al.
- An Alternative Approach to "et al."
 - Some HGSE faculty members prefer that authors use "and colleagues" instead of "et al." in the text
 - However "et al." is still used within the parentheses

Harris et al. (1989)

Harris and his colleagues (1989)....

Another study (Harris et al., 1989)....

What if I did not actually read a study, but it was cited in a study I did read?

- Cite the Secondary Source (the source you actually read) in the text:



Dunn, Kendrick, and MacNamee (as cited in Harris, 1989) found that...

Other studies use mothers' reports to assess children's comforting behaviors (Dunn, Kendrick, & MacNamee as cited in Harris, 1989)

- Cite *ONLY* the Secondary Source (the source you actually read) in the References:

Harris, P. L. (1989). Children and emotion. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers Inc.

How do I cite a lecture?

- Treat it as personal communication
- Cite personal communications in the text only
- Give the initials as well as the surname of the communicator and provide as exact a date as possible

B. A. Pan (personal communication, December 20, 2006) noted that...

(B. A. Pan, personal communication, December 20, 2006)

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