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The basic in-text citation is a parenthetical reference including the year and page number of the source. The page number or page range is separated from the year with a colon, no spaces. Include the author's name if it is not clear from the text whose work you are citing.

Stoller (1989:34) argues for a “tasteful” ethnographic practice.

The play created a sense of cultural citizenship (Rosaldo 1999:12–14).

Dodson suggests that “the main issue facing the café is a public concern for the health effects of caffeine” (2004:109).

When more than one work by a single author is cited in a paper, distinguish them with letters:

This is a strong position against what Benjamin (1968b: 10) calls “historicism”.

When referring to a general argument or approach, it is acceptable to omit page numbers and cite an entire book or article:

The overall effect of the crowd control at the county fair was very similar to the concept of "discipline" in Foucault (1984).
References Cited

Following the last page of the body of the paper, begin a new page with “References Cited” centered at the top. Alphabetize all cited sources by the author’s last name. The author’s name is on a line by itself. The citation begins, indented, on a new line. All lines after the first of the citation should be indented as well:

Benjamin, Walter

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--Titles do not appear in quotation marks or italics in the references list.
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--Reviews in journals use In, but ordinary articles do not.
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--Be sure to use an en dash not a hyphen when listing page numbers. (use – , not -)

BOOK
Last Name, First Name
Year Title. Place: Publisher.
Example:
Castles, Stephen

JOURNAL ARTICLE
Last Name, First Name
Year Article Title. Journal Title Volume(Issue):Pages.
Example:
Moll, Luis C.

NOTE: There are many special citation formats for special kinds of sources (such as websites, translations, court cases, multiple references by a single author, and more). You should always consult the official AAA style guide:

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