**MLA AUTHOR PAGE CITATION (Step Three of T.I.C.E.)**

**How to Put Citations in the Body of your Paper**

**Quotation:**

“Ninety percent of divorced couples blamed money issues as the source of their disagreement” (Smith).

🡪 Last name of the author + page #

**Paraphrase:**

Although a majority of couples who divorced blamed their jobs, money seemed to be the most serious issue in ninety percent of the cases (Smith 1).

**Author’s name mentioned in sentence:**

According to Jason Smith, a matrimonial lawyer from Dallas, Texas, “Ninety percent of divorced couples blamed money issues as the source of their disagreements”(1).

🡪 Only page number is needed in parenthetical citation if author is mentioned in the sentence.

**Article without an author:**

“In the state of Texas, most divorces occur in the first five years of a marriage (“After the Divorce…” 1).

🡪 First three words of the title (in quotes) + page #

**Article with three or fewer authors**:

“Ninety percent of divorced couples blamed money issues as the source of their disagreement” (Adams, Jones and Smith 1).

🡪 Last name of the authors + page #

**Article with more than three authors**:

“Ninety percent of divorced couples blamed money issues as the source of their disagreement” (Adams et al. 12).

🡪 Last name of first author followed by “et al. + page #

**Using two or more articles (sources) written by the same author:**

“Ninety percent of divorced couples blamed money issues as the source of their disagreements” (Smith. “After the Divorce…” 1).

🡪 Author + first three words of the title (in quotes) + page #

**Information that your book or article has taken from another source:**

Put the original author of the information in the sentence and write “qtd. in” in the citation before the author and page number of the work you found the material in.

Megan Kramer states, “Divorce can be a difficult time for not only the adults, but the children as well” (qtd. in Smith 1).

**Quoting More Than Four Lines:** Block it!

For quotations that extend to more than four lines of verse or prose: place quotations in a free-standing block of text and omit quotation marks. Start the quotation on a new line, with the entire quote indented **one inch** from the left margin; maintain double-spacing. Only indent the first line of the quotation by a half inch if you are citing multiple paragraphs. Your parenthetical citation should come **after** the closing punctuation mark. When quoting verse, maintain original line breaks. (You should maintain double-spacing throughout your essay.)

While some arguments over money are due to differing goals or values, sometimes money fights are about other issues. Cambridge therapist Georgianna Collins tells Lobron many couples fight about money when the real issues are much deeper. Fights about money can be about who is in control, who does not feel appreciated and which partner’s values and goals are not being considered. (Smith 1)

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