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# Incorporating Research and Citing Sources—APA only

# Why use outside sources?

Unless we are established, credentialed experts on the topic, we need credible outside sources to support our thesis.

#### **Remember:**

- Source material must relate back to the thesis.
- Addressing multiple sides of the argument often

makes our own thesis stronger.





Why do we use and cite outside sources?

To establish trust with reliability and validity

•To give credit where credit is due

 To allow readers to find the sources themselves

# In-Text Citations & Reference List Entries

Regardless of the writing style, these work together to provide complete documentation:

- Brief in-text documentation for paraphrases, quotations, and/or summaries allows our readers to find...
- Detailed documentation in a list of sources at the end of the text.

Let's take a look at how this works...

[In our text . . . ]

Huffington states, "As our days become more and more

consumed by doing, by distractions and urgency, sleep, waiting for us

every night, offers up surrender."

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WRONG

[In a list of references . . . ]

References

Arianna Huffington, *The Sleep Revolution*, 2016, p. 285.

### **Parenthetical or In-Text Citations**

Huffington (2016) states, "As our days become more and more consumed by doing, by distractions and urgency, sleep, waiting for us every night, offers up surrender" (p. 285).

The author suggests that "[a]s our days become more and more consumed by doing, by

distractions and urgency, sleep, waiting for us every night, offers up surrender"

(Huffington, 2016, p. 285).

#### **End-Text Citations**

References List

Huffington, A. (2016). *The sleep revolution: Transforming your life, one night at a time*. New York, NY: Christabella.

## **APA Citations in Action!**

Among the big cats, "Wild tigers are in a precarious state. Habitat loss and intense poaching of tigers and their prey...have resulted in a dramatic range contraction" (Dinerstein et al., 2007, p. 508).



Dinerstein, E., Loucks, C., Wikramanayake, E., Ginsberg, J., Sanderson, E., Seidensticker, J.,...Songer, Melissa. (2007). The fate of wild tigers [Abstract]. *BioScience*, *57*(6), 508-514. doi:10.1641/B570608



### Resources

OWL @ Purdue

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/

**APA Style Blog** 

http://blog.apastyle.org/

# **Remember!**

# Include in-text citations for <u>all</u> material from outside sources.

We cite the outside source no matter how the material is incorporated into our text:

Paraphrases

•Summaries

ODirect Quotations



A paraphrase is a passage that has been <u>entirely</u> rewritten in our own words.

The source must be <u>cited</u>.

#### Paraphrasing helps us...

- blend information into our paper.
- understand the material.
- choose the level of detail.

#### WHAT MAKES A **GOOD** PARAPHRASE?

# Avoid the exact phrases of the original text.

Also avoid the sentence pattern of the original.

Huffington (2016) says "Perhaps that's why so many of us have such difficulty falling asleep—because we can't lay down our swords. We're told.... [that] we must always fight on. And so we fight sleep, too" (p. 285).

## Paraphrasing

People have difficulty sleeping because they cannot escape the cares of life (Huffington, 2016, p. 285).

Huffington (2016)suggests that people cannotsleep because they worry about their lives(p. 285).

# A paraphrase of more than one sentence

Huffington (2016) suggests that people cannot sleep because they have difficulty escaping the cares of life. She goes on to assert that a lack of sleep can negatively affect one's success (Huffington, 2016, p. 285).

#### OR

**Huffington (2016)** suggests that people cannot sleep because they have difficulty escaping the cares of life; moreover, she claims that a lack of sleep can negatively affect one's success (**p. 285**).



A summary takes **the main points** made by the source and rewrites them entirely in our own words.

### Why summarize?

Summaries are much shorter than the original source.

### Summary of Journal Article

"Effect of acute sleep deprivation on concentration and mood states with a controlled effect of experienced stress"

A team of Slavic researchers conducted an experiment on nine healthy young men to see if the loss of one night's sleep would affect their focus. While the young men's focus was unaffected, their mood states changed for the worse (Kajtna, Stukovnik, & Groselj, 2010, p. 354).

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# **Direct Quotations**

A direct quotation uses the exact words of the original source, and thus is a very narrow (but very accurate) section of the source.

Quote when a source...

says something distinctive.

states a brief, important point.

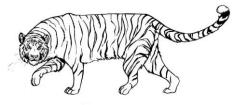


#### How to format a quotation—APA

Enclose a quotation in quotation marks if it's forty words or fewer.

#### **Example—short quotation:**

Global researchers concerned about tiger population warn that "wild tiger numbers are at an historic low. There is no evidence of breeding populations of tigers in Cambodia, China. Vietnam, and DPR Korea" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1).



#### **Example—long quotation in APA**:

A quotation longer than forty words must be set off in a block (i.e., leftindented) and does not take quotation marks.

According to the authors of "Bringing the Tiger Back from the Brink—The Six Percent Solution,"

Wild tiger numbers are at an historic low. There is no evidence of breeding populations of tigers in Cambodia, China, Vietnam, and DPR Korea. Current approaches to tiger conservation are not slowing the decline in tiger numbers, which has continued unabated over the last two decades. (Walston et al., 2010, p.1)

# Incorporating Material from Outside Sources

To incorporate paraphrases, summaries, and quotations into our writing, we...

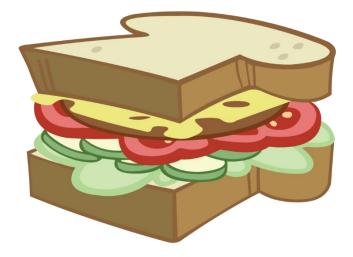
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- 2. state content and cite source
- 3. analyze or explain

### The Outside Source Sandwich

1. Introduce the source.

2. State the content and cite the source.

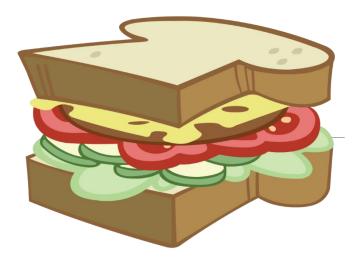
3. Analyze the content or state the relevance.



#### **1. Introduce the outside source.**

2. State content and cite source.

3. Analyze content or state relevance.



# A good practice is to use a "signal phrase" to introduce the source material.

Ex. 1) The researchers found...

2) Jones (2008) demonstrates...



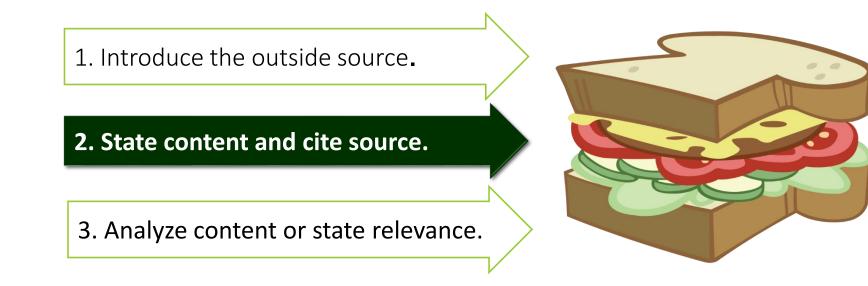
# No introduction to quotation = A FLOATING QUOTE

Tigers are dying out. "In most countries, overhunting has been the driver of the decline in tigers and their prey" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1).

#### How can we fix this?

### Introduce the Outside Source (signal phrase)

Tigers are dying out. Wildlife conservation researchers state, "In most countries, overhunting has been the driver of the decline in tigers and their prey" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1).



#### Use our <u>own</u> words to write a paraphrase or summary. --and/or--

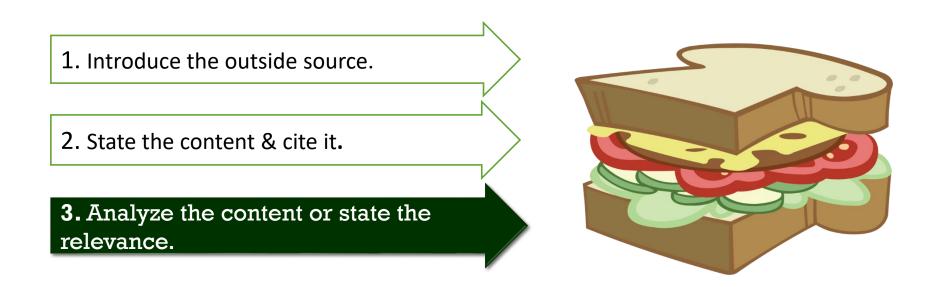
Use the <u>author's exact</u> words to write a quotation.

Include the in-text citation for this particular source.

#### **State Content and Cite Source**



Tigers are dying out. Wildlife conservation researchers state, "In most countries, overhunting has been the driver of the decline in tigers and their prey" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1).



**Analyze** the material by responding to it or interpreting it within a wider context.

*How does it reflect or impact our argument?* 

**Explain** why we've included it.

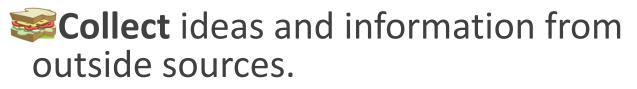
Why or how does this material support our thesis?

### Analyze the Content or State the Relevance

Tigers are dying out. Wildlife conservation researchers state, "In most countries, overhunting has been the driver of the decline in tigers and their prey" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1). **In short, tiger are being driven to extinction by human hunters.**  Here's how the Outside Source Sandwich looks, with (1) intro (signal phrase), (2) content and in-text citation, and (3) analysis or explanation.

Tigers are dying out. Wildlife conservation researchers state, "In most countries, overhunting has been the driver of the decline in tigers and their prey" (Walston et al., 2010, p. 1). In short, tiger populations are being driven to extinction by human hunters.

# To Sum It All Up





Secritically evaluate this material.

- Integrate outside source material smoothly, introducing the source and explaining the relevance of the material.
- Section 2017 Secti source by citing correctly.

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