

## Parenthetical Citations – “In-text” Citations

- They are called “in –text” citations because they are within the text of your writing.
- In-text citations serve as a guide to the *Works Cited* page at the end of the project.
- Normally an in-text citation would use the author’s last name and specific page numbers.

# Two ways to use an in-text citation

Directly quote the author within the text:

Posner argues, "Any rational man would realize Oswald alone murdered President Kennedy" (15).

PUNCTUATION ORDER IS " ( ).

Use parentheses directly after the quote or paraphrase:

"Any rational man would realize Oswald alone murdered President Kennedy" (Posner 15).



NO COMMA BETWEEN AUTHOR & PAGE #

### *In-text Parenthetical Sentence Starters*

According to Posner...  
Reading from Posner...  
Posner claimed...  
Posner argued...  
Posner stated...  
Posner believed...  
Posner wrote...

### What if there is more than one author?

If there are two or three, list the names in parentheses:

(Jones and Posner 15) or (Jones, Smith and Posner 15)

### What if there is no author?

Substitute the author’s last name with the title of the document, publication, or website/publisher (Web):

National Geographic claims, “The ocean around Antarctica should be considered the world’s fifth ocean (23).

“The ocean around Antarctica should be considered the world’s fifth ocean (National Geographic 23).

### General Rules:

For citations within the text...

- place your citation as close to the quoted or paraphrased material as possible without disrupting the sentence.
- the parentheses should come immediately after the quoted or paraphrased material.