



ELA Virtual Learning

Composition and Reading 2: Critical Analysis First Draft (2 of 4)

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Objective/Learning Target:

Students will apply critical analysis and writing skills to draft an analysis of a chosen short story.

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Answer the following questions in your notebook.

Starting Question(s):

1. How would you feel if someone stole your ideas and claimed that they were their own?
2. Why is citation necessary in the text of the paper if you already have a works cited page?
3. Are you familiar with parenthetical citation?



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Learn:

As you are using evidence to support your thesis and your claims, make sure you are giving proper credit to the sources (both primary and secondary) from which you take information. To that end, please use either **narrative citation** or **parenthetical citation** when crediting your sources. Anything that is directly quoted or paraphrased needs to be cited one of these two ways.



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Learn:

To create a narrative citation:

A narrative MLA in-text citation is when the author's name is used in the text of the sentence. At the end of the sentence, in parentheses, is the page number where the information was found (if there is one).

For example:

- When it comes to technology, King states that we “need to be comfortable enough with technology tools and services that we can help point our patrons in the right direction, even if we aren’t intimately familiar with how the device works” (11).



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To create a parenthetical citation:

An MLA parenthetical citation is created when the author's name is NOT in the sentence. Instead, the author's name is in parentheses after the sentence, along with the page number.

For example:

- When it comes to technology, we “need to be comfortable enough with technology tools and services that we can help point our patrons in the right direction, even if we aren’t intimately familiar with how the device works” (King 11).



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Learn:

Keep track of which sources you are quoting! Each citation will have to correspond to a reference in your works cited page (which we will get to in a future lesson). Here is a [page](#) that will help you.



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Practice:

Please continue to work on your paper. If you have already quoted a source, go back and make sure you have included an in-text citation. [Here](#) is the assignment sheet again.



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Wrap-Up:

Citation is all about giving credit where credit is due. Any time that you take information without citing it, that's plagiarism and will oftentimes be met with severe consequence! Not jail or anything, but you may receive a zero for your papers or be dropped from a college level course entirely. Better to just cite in the first place.