

SOURCE INTEGRATION

MLA:

Koch argues that...
Research shows that... (Koch).

APA:

Koch (2008) argues that...
Data shows that... (Koch 2008).

Chicago/Turabian (note):

A study in 2008 shows that...³
The literature argues...⁷

Synthesis

Synthesis is a form of summarizing that combines several sources. To synthesize, you should combine summaries from sources that agree on many overall points. Make sure that ALL points of agreement appear in ALL texts. It is unacceptable to misrepresent a source simply to make it fit into your paper. Like summaries, synthesized sources do not require page numbers because the summary represents more than one source. Here are some examples of in-text citations for synthesized sources:

MLA:

Studies by Koch,

APA:

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When citing with quotes or paraphrases, remember that whereas MLA does not.

Quoting

Quoting sources is perfectly acceptable in papers; however, your paper should not be filled with quotations. Most professors would prefer that you use one of the other methods of source integration. They would rather hear you express your point in your own words. Quotations should only be used when you are planning on analyzing the text or when you