



Reference Guidelines

References within the text of your essay

Whenever you are stating the argument, or part of the argument, of another writer, you should reflect your indebtedness to that writer or those writers. This may not always take the form of direct quotation; sometimes one summarises the argument in the interests of economy and eloquence, but one is still required to acknowledge the source of one's insights. The most important elements to include are the surname of the author, the date of the publication in which the information was found, and then, if the information cited is detailed and specific enough, the pages on which that particular argument is made. The more general the information being stated (for example, a summary of an author's method in a book), the less there is need for the page numbers; the more specific the information incorporated (for example, referring to a specific study of a particular case) the more likely it is that you would have to include the page numbers for the citation.

Examples:

Bennett (1982) argues that the mass media are a part of rather than apart from the larger social context.

It has been suggested that media practitioners use conventions to encode their messages so that members of their intended audience can decode it meaningfully (Hall 1995).

This moment in the text may be seen as evidence of how the colonised subject is rendered as an object which is simultaneously both irretrievably different and beyond representation as well as open to being seen and known in the colonising gaze (Bhabha 1994: 70-71).

Parr and Philo (1995) suggest that sometimes names function as labels imposed by society on its members as a form of control over them, such that people may be imprisoned, exiled or subjected to interventions of various sorts in order to ensure the continuity of the social order.

The way in which women are figured in social organisation may be likened to the way in which language itself is organised in patriarchal societies as binary systems of difference (Clément & Cixous 1986).

The representation of women's bodies in popular cultural texts often serve as iterations of beliefs, ideas and material practices which render the material existences of historical women as subjects of patriarchy (Irigaray 1985; Imam & Mama 1996; Mohanty 1995).

However, one may also quote directly from other sources, particularly when some value may be lost if one changed the way in which the original expresses the idea. In this case it is important to be faithful to the original text, both in letter and in spirit. Any changes you make to the original text must be only typographical in order to render it grammatically correct. It is also important to incorporate the quoted material into the logical and grammatical flow of your own sentence; isolated quotations serve no purpose when they are not epigraphs. Should the quoted material take up more than two lines of print in your essay, you should block and indent the quotation as set out in the second example below.

Examples:

Biko (1978: 5) summarises the aim of the Black Consciousness Movement as “not black visibility but real black participation” in the political life of South Africa; his assessment of some of the initiatives of Black Economic Empowerment and corporate Affirmative Action programmes would therefore be a damning indictment.

In her analysis of the ways in which the mass media of western industrial societies render women in representation, Teresa de Lauretis (1987: 2) stresses that it is imperative

to conceive of the social subject and of the relations of subjectivity to sociality in another way: a subject constituted in gender, to be sure, though not by sexual difference alone, but rather across languages and cultural representations; a subject en-gendered in the experiencing of race and class, as well as sexual, relations; a subject, therefore, not unified but rather multiple, and not so much divided as contradicted,

to explode the limits of binary thought which underpins patriarchal regimes of representation.

Referencing material from the internet in the text of your essay

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