MLA In-Text Citation Format

General guidelines

1. The in-text citation should have the first thing that is seen in the full MLA citation in the Works Cited section. This is generally either the author or title.

2. The in-text citation should always go INSIDE the punctuation.
   a. *Example: A survivor of Lori's class said, "I typed so much my fingers were worn to nubbins" (Smith 35).*

   b. *Example: A piece of German propaganda portrayed Jews as rats, or vermin (Hofstadder 35).*

If the piece has an AUTHOR and PAGE #s:

1. (Author last name page) *Ex: (Fisher 35)*

If the piece has an AUTHOR and PAGE #s, but you've mentioned the author name in the quote set-up:

1. (page) *Ex: (17)*

If the piece has an AUTHOR and NO PAGE #s (like a website):

2. (Author last name) *Ex: (Fisher)*

If the piece has NO AUTHOR and PAGE #s:

3. (Title page) *Ex: (High School Drama 15)*

If the piece has NO AUTHOR and NO PAGE #s (like a website):

4. (Title) *Ex: (Monkey Cats and Their Bananas)*

If the piece has NO AUTHOR and PAGE #s, but you've mentioned the author name in the quote set-up:

1. (page)

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