Examples of quotation layout

**Short quotation: integrated into the text**

Researching the characteristics of modern behaviour, Henshilwood and Marean point out that devised criteria are often "context-specific to the richer European record" and therefore, in their opinion, "of limited value" when used in… (627).

Full Work Cited reference:

**Longer quotation: use indented paragraph(s) to distinguish from your own text**

... to illustrate my point, I have therefore thought it worthwhile to set out the whole of this famous introduction to Moby Dick:

Call me Ishmael. Some years ago - never mind how long precisely - having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world. It is a way I have of driving off the spleen, and regulating the circulation. Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, dreary November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntary pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people’s hats off – then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can. This is my substitute for pistol and ball. With a philosophical flourish Cato throws himself upon his sword; I quietly take to the ship." (Melville 11)

This excerpt reveals several aspects of characterisation which Melville is keen to establish through the use

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So what is the Harvard approach to referencing?
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Why is Harvard referencing so-called?
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How is the end-of-text ‘Works Cited’ organised and what should go in it?
The list is organised alphabetically by author surname. The list is organised alphabetically by author surname. It includes only sources referred to explicitly in your text.

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Example of an alphabetical list of references in the MLA Style

**Works Cited**


**Examples of in-text references in MLA Style**

**First names or initials are not needed for in-text reference.**

- Brumm and Moore suggest that current assessment criteria need to be reviewed (187).
- Several studies propose that a number of artefacts are indicative of modern behaviour (McBrearty and Brooks 453; Henshilwood and Marean 627).
- According to Guff, characters, not ideas, ruled comedy in Roman times (qtd. in Bull 234).
- A secondary citation: the student has seen Guff’s ideas quoted in an article by Bull.
- Corporate publication - note that a reduced document title (IDPM) is used in the parenthesis.
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- Three or more authors - all names are mentioned.
- Multiple (more than 3) authors - either form of citation shown here is OK.