

# APA INTEGRATING QUOTATIONS

You may choose from a variety of different methods for integrating quotations into the text of your paper. The examples which follow demonstrate a number of these ways using a quotation from Anne Fausto-Sterling's "Myths of Gender: The Biological Connection," published in 1985 and reprinted in The Sociology of Gender.

Fausto-Sterling wrote: "The causes of this increasing 'feminization of poverty' (as the problem has been dubbed) are complex, but chief among them is the fact that women earn only fifty-nine cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts."

## 1) Whole quotation:

Fausto-Sterling (1985) suggests that "[t]he causes of this increasing 'feminization of poverty' as the problem has been dubbed) are complex, but chief among them is the fact that women earn only fifty-nine cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts" (p. 44).

If you use the beginning of the sentence in the middle of your own, you must change the case of the first letter from upper case to lower case, and place the letter in brackets to indicate the change.

## 2) Part of a quotation:

Fausto-Sterling (1985) blames the increasing number of women living below the poverty line on the fact "that women earn only fifty-nine cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts" (p. 44).

## 3) Key words:

Fausto-Sterling (1985) believes the problem of the "feminization of poverty" to be "complex," (p. 44) but is certain that one of the key components is the low wages women receive as compared to those paid to men.

**4) Ellipsis (...):** If you want to use most of the words of the quotation, but some seem unnecessary or not useful, you may replace them with an ellipsis.

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## 5) Making adjustments:

If you need to add words for a quotation to fit your text, place those words in brackets:

Fausto-Sterling (1985) asserts that the "increasing 'feminization of poverty'...[is a result of] the fact that women earn only fifty-nine cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts" (p. 44).

If you need to change the tense of a word to fit your text, place the letters that change the tense of the word in brackets:

In 1985 Fausto-Sterling cited the statistic that "women earn[ed] only fifty-nine cents for every dollar paid to their male counterparts" (p. 44).

—If you are citing page numbers, periods will follow the closing parentheses after the page number. For other punctuation, refer to the handbook of the format your professor wants you to use (e.g., APA, MLA).

—All quotations which take up four or more lines in your text need to be set off from your text in a block quotation according to the rules of the formatting style which you are following. Please see handouts on APA and MLA formatting style for specifics