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EXAMPLES OF MLA CITES IN DAILY PAPERS

1. *If you do not name the author in the sentence introducing the cite, you must identify him/her in your cite.* Example: The author's humor saturates every page of his essay: "From time to time, my wife also threatens to knock the children to Kingdom Come. If she ever *does* knock them there, she's going to ask me to go get them, and I will not know where it is" (Cosby 47).
2. *If you name the author in the text sentence, you do not need to identify him/her in your cite.* Example: Cosby humorously states, "From time to time, my wife also threatens to knock the children to Kingdom Come. If she ever *does* knock them there, she's going to ask me to go get them, and I will not know where it is" (47).
3. *If you paraphrase, that is, the material used is not a verbatim quote, do not use quotation marks.* Example: Cosby stated that his wife sometimes threatens to knock the kids to Kingdom Come (47).
4. *Use single quotes for a quote within a quote.* Example: Much of the time, Cosby is facetious as well as humorous: "...three years before, when I had wanted to set him on fire, she said, 'Oh, please don't. He's such a little boy.' But I insisted, 'No, burn him now'" (48).
5. *For a quote that is a question, place the question mark inside the closing quotation marks and the period following the cite.* Example: His wife indignantly responded, "Now, would you really burn him?" (Cosby 48). *This rule also applies to exclamation points.* Example: Cosby shouted, "Your house is on fire!" (52).
6. If the statement introducing a direct quote is a stand-alone sentence (1 and 4 above), use a colon. If the introductory statement is not a stand-alone sentence (2 and 5 above), use a comma. Never use a semicolon.
7. Your paradigm for most cites is this:
X stated, " _____ " (Author xx).
Example:
Miss Emily said, "I have no taxes in Jefferson" (Faulkner 481).

