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The table below provides the answers for the most common things you'll cite. For others, refer to your style guide.

Step 1 What did you do to introduce your information?

What did you do in the text leading up information?

Answers

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	For example print books, newspapers, magazine articles, or web documents that have page numbers like .pdf files and some online books.	For example web pages, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Also, interviews, video/DVD sources.
I used the author's* name in this sentence or section — Yes	<u>Use only the page number</u> Example: (#).	<u>Do nothing</u> Exception: if you have more than one work by the same author, use a short version of the title:‡ ("Short Title").
I did NOT use the author's* name in the sentence or section. — Yes	<u>Use the author's name* and the page number</u> (Last Name #) Example: (Poe 23).	<u>Use the author's name*</u> (Last Name) Example: (Poe).

Step 2 Does your source have static page numbers?

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*If there is no author given, use the sponsoring group or organization's name in place of the author's name.
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→For a source with no date, use n.d. instead of the year.←

Answers

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Step 1
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Use this for a source with <u>static page numbers</u>

For example print books, newspapers, magazine articles, or web documents that have page numbers like .pdf files and some online books.

OR use this for a source with <u>no page numbers</u>

For example web pages, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Also, interviews, video/DVD sources. In this case use headings/ section titles or paragraph numbers.

Step 2
Does your source have static page or paragraph numbers, or does it have section headings?

I used the author(s)' name in my sentence or section.

→ Yes

↓ No

- ❑ <u>Give the date right after the author(s)' name*</u>
- ❑ <u>Put the location in parenthesis at the end of the source information.</u>

Example: According to Wood (2007) bacon is the candy of meats (p. 4).

- ❑ <u>Put the location in parenthesis at the end of the source information.</u>

(Paragraphs should be your last choice unless the document has paragraph numbering in it.)

Example: According to Wood (2007) bacon is the candy of meats (Tasty Stuff section).

Example: According to Wood (2007) bacon is the candy of meats (para 4).

I DID NOT use the author(s)'* name in my sentence or section.

→ Yes

- ❑ <u>Put the name, date, **and** location in parenthesis at the end of the source information.</u>

Example: According to my teacher, bacon is the candy of meats (Wood, 2007, p. 4).

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NOTE: APA has a number of different rules for treating works with multiple authors, groups with well-known acronym names, etc. Consult your *Writer's Reference* or style guide for shortcuts you can take with those.

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