**I’ve done my research, now what?**

In-text-citations are used when you want to insert your research into your essay.

**How to do an in-text-citation:**

**I**ntroduce the quote

* The author states…
* According to the text…
* On page \_\_\_\_, the author states…
* Based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**C**ite the quote

* You should always cite where you got the information if you didn’t know it off the top of your head! EVEN IF YOU PARAPHRASE IT. There are 2 ways to do this:
  + **Direct Quote:** “Scientists believe that another group of hominids appeared in Africa about 1.5 million years ago” (Burstein 30).
  + **Paraphrased:** *Homo erecutus,* a hominid that appeared 1.5 million years ago, was found in Africa (Burstein30).
* **A direct quote is always in quotation marks. For books, cite the author’s last name and the page number you found the info. For Internet, cite the author’s last name OR article title. The period ALWAYS comes after the parentheses.**

**E**xplain the quote

* Don’t just leave a quote hanging out in the middle of your essay. You need to explain why it’s there.
  + **Weak example:** *Homo erecutus,* a hominid that appeared 1.5 million years ago, was found in Africa. *Homo sapiens*, the species of modern humans, appeared in Africa about 200,000 years ago (Burstein30).
  + **Strong example:** Many people today do not know much about the early hominids. Did you know that there were other species who walked on two legs before us? *Homo erecutus,* a hominid that appeared 1.5 million years ago, was found in Africa, and is just one of the three Paleolithic hominids who walked on two legs. Today’s humans, *Homo sapien* appeared in Africa just 200,000 years ago (Burstein30).