

APA Style

Rules for Long and Short Quotes

Student enrolled in SOC/CRJ 3610 and SOC 3000 are required to strictly adhere to the rules spelled out below. The examples are taken from: Marson, S. M. (1983). Human sexuality and aging: Problems and solutions. *The Journal of Social Work and Human Sexuality*, 1(3), 95-108.

In the assignment, all students MUST include at least one long and one short quote in the assignment.

1) Any quotation that is three lines or less is defined as a short quote. At the beginning of the quote, the standard APA citation is given; while at the end, the page number is identified such as (p. 543). Example from page 100:

As sex education and sexual repression become less of a problem because of historical occurrences, what will be the future problem for the elderly? The answer may lie in a concern of Berezin (1978). He illustrates that social science research rarely addresses the whole story of human sexuality. "What is omitted is love, affection, tenderness, and interpersonal relationships, factors that should be part of the total psychosexual picture" (p. 543). Actually, this is also a problem in contemporary popular literature. Sexuality and feelings are rarely discussed with...

a) Notice the quotation marks b) Notice there no period.

The period is placed after the parenthesis.

2) Any quotation that extends four lines or longer is defined as a long quote. Long quotes must be bracketed five spaces from the left margin. No quotation marks are permitted. Example from page 101:

For example, Berezin (1978) suggests that many of the problems of sexuality for the aging person are the same problems the person had as a youth. Aging exacerbates sexuality problems. He writes:

The ego-adaptive and defensive operations established early in childhood continue to be used for the remainder of the individual's life. These ego operations, which vary in quality and quantity from person to person, produce the individual variations among people that may be called character style. Style does not change throughout life. It has been said that when a person becomes old, he is the same as he has always been, only more so (p. 543-4).

Berezin clearly points out that sexual problems in middle age continue into late life. Defense mechanisms that were ineffective in middle age are found to be even more useless in old age. If a young

a) Notice there are NO quotation marks at the beginning or the end of the quote.

b) Notice that the page number is embedded within the quote.

Page numbers are used for quotes only. Page numbers may not be used if the student is not quoting.