

Skills Needed: Using In-Text Citations

(from MLA Purdue OWL)

Original passage from page 248 of Ashley Montagu's book, *The American Way of Life*:

To be human is to weep. The human species is the only one in the whole world of animate nature that sheds tears. The trained inability of any human being to weep is a lessening of his capacity to be human – a defect that usually goes deeper than the mere inability to cry. And this, among other things, is what American parents – with the best intentions in the world – have achieved for the American male. It is very sad. If we feel like it, let us all have a good cry – and clear our minds of those cobwebs of confusion, which have for so long prevented us from understanding the ineluctable necessity of crying.

Now look at the various ways you can use the opinion expressed in the passage.

1. Montagu claims that American men have a diminished capacity to be human because they have been trained by their culture not to cry (248).
2. In his book *The American Way of Life*, Ashley Montagu writes, “The trained inability of any human being to weep is a lessening of his capacity to be human – a defect which usually goes deeper than the mere inability to cry” (248).
3. According to Montagu, “To be human is to weep” (248).
4. “If we feel like it,” writes Montagu, “let us have a good cry – and clear our minds of those cobwebs of confusion which have for so long prevented us from understanding the intellectual necessity of crying” (248).
5. One distinguished anthropologist calls the American male's reluctance to cry “a lessening of his capacity to be human” (Montagu 248).
6. Montagu finds it “very sad” that American men have a “trained inability” to shed tears (248).
7. When my grandfather died, all the members of my family – men and women alike – wept openly. We have never been ashamed to cry. As Montagu writes, “to be human is to weep” (248). I am sure we are more human, and in better mental and physical health, because we are able to express our feelings without artificial restraints.
8. Montagu argues that it is both unnatural and harmful for American males not to cry:

To be human is to weep. The human species is the only one in the whole world of animate nature that sheds tears. The trained inability of any human being to weep is a lessening of his capacity to be human – a defect that usually goes deeper than the mere inability to cry.... It is very sad. (248)

Quotations, Paraphrases, and Punctuation

Remember! You must ALWAYS lead into and add commentary surrounding your quotation.

ONE MORE TYPE OF QUOTATION/PARAPHRASE (not introduced on "Using In-text Citations" page)

1. Quoting a person *already quoted* within an article (i.e., speaker is not the author)
 - ➔ In this case, you must use **single quotes within double quotes** to indicate where the other person is speaking
 - ➔ E.g.: Safeco spokesman Jim Havens said, "You can program the service to notify you when the car is going over the speed limit for more than 30 seconds or if the car is being driven after a curfew is set" (qtd. in Riback)
 - Original source: Riback, Adam. "Tracking Devices Let Parents Keep Watch on Teen Drivers." FOXNews.com. FOX News Network, LLC, 30 July 2007. Web. 5 Jan. 2011.
2. Paraphrasing a person *already quoted* within an article (i.e., speaker is not the author)
 - ➔ Safeco spokesman Jim Havens explains that the GPS service can alert parents when their teens exceed a speed limit or drive their car past curfew (qtd. in Riback).

NOTE: When using **qtd. in** with either quotations or paraphrases, the parenthetical citation information does not change.

EXAMPLE: If my parenthetical citation for a source was "Public Smoking", it would become (qtd. in "Public Smoking"), when I was quoting someone other than author from the "Cloning" source.

Templates for Introducing Quotations

X states, "_____."

As the world-famous scholar X explains it, "_____."

As claimed by X, "_____."

In her article _____, X suggests that "_____."

In X's perspective, "_____."

X concurs when she notes, "_____."

Templates for Explaining Quotations

In other words, X asserts _____.

In arguing this claim, X argues that _____.

X is insisting that _____.

What X really means is that _____.

The basis of X's argument is that _____.

Using in-text Citations: Your turn

Read the following quote from page 150 of *The Crucible*, by John Proctor: "Because it is my name! Because I cannot have another in my life! Because I lie and sign myself to lies! Because I am not worth the dust on the feet of them that hang! How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name!"

Now write at least 4 different ways you can use the opinion expressed in this passage in a paper you might write about ethics and morality (or a paper about John Proctor).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

