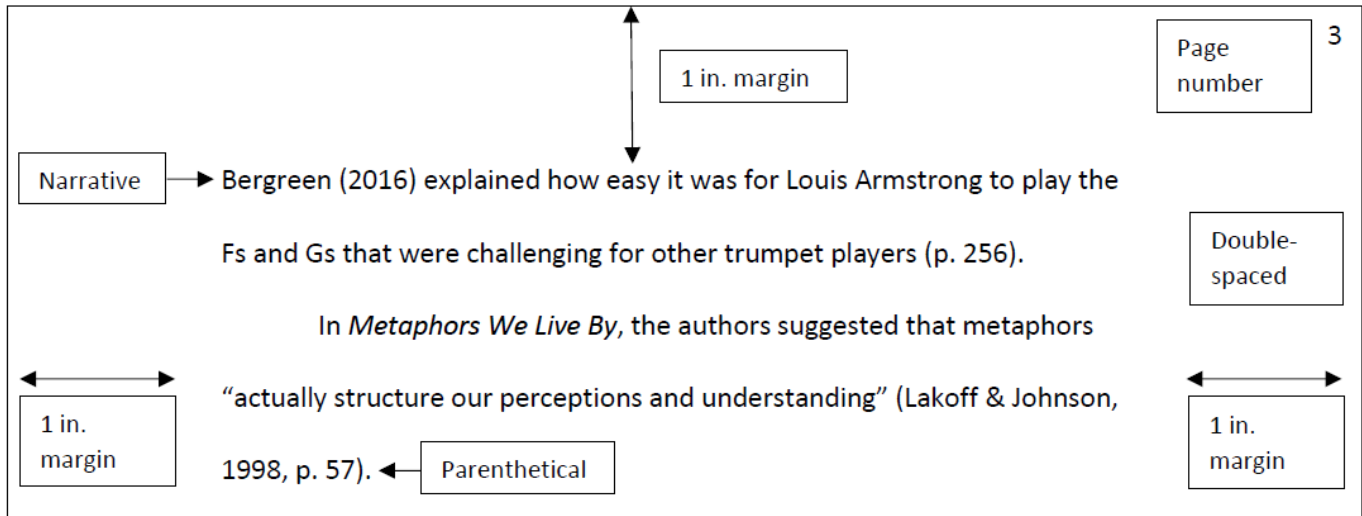




### APA In-Text Citations



### What are APA In-Text Citations?

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### APA In-Text Citation Format

In APA, in-text citations can be either parenthetical or narrative.

- General Guidelines for Narrative Citations:
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  - Enclose the page number or other location information in parentheses at the end of the quotation or paraphrase.
  - In the rare event that the date is also a part of the narrative text, do not include it again in parentheses.
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  - Include the author and date, separated by a comma and enclosed within a set of parentheses, at the end of a quote or paraphrase.
  - The in-text citation comes before the punctuation mark that ends the sentence, clause, or phrase that contains the cited material.
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  - In addition to the author’s name and date, include the pages, paragraphs, or sections where the information is found.

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