Citing from the Humanities Textbook

Job

Parenthetical Citation Example

Example

Job was considered blessed by God because he had “[s]even sons and three daughters . . . and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred she-donkeys, and many servants besides” (“From the Hebrew Bible” 34; Job 1.2-3).

- This example uses a blended sentence in which the quoted passage from the text is blended into the writer’s own sentence structure, with capitalization and punctuation reflecting that sentence structure created. The square brackets are used around the “s” in “seven” to note a case change: the original source uses a capital letter “S,” but this sentence structure requires a lowercase “s.”

- In the first citation from Job, include the translation information (“From the Hebrew Bible”). However, for all subsequent citations, drop the translation information and provide only the page number (34), book title (Job), chapter (1), and line numbers (2-3). For example: (35; Job 2.7-8). Notice the specific punctuation between each piece of information in the parenthetical citation.

Title of Source
- The title of the source is the title of the work the quoted words come from. The words quoted above are found in “From the Hebrew Bible: The Book of Job.” The words are not material from the textbook itself.
- Because the source is a shorter work, the title is placed in quotation marks.
- A period appears within the quotation marks to signify the end of the title.

Title of Source’s Container
- The source’s container is the work that contains the source. The textbook The Humanistic Tradition contains “From the Hebrew Bible: The Book of Job.”
- Because a textbook is a larger work, the title is italicized.
- A comma is the appropriate punctuation for separating the title of the container from the rest of the information about the container.

Container’s Other Contributors
- The words “written by” are added before the container’s author’s name to indicate the type of contribution Gloria K. Fiero made.
- The names of any contributors are listed normally: first name, middle name, last name.
- Use a comma to separate this piece of information from the next.

Container’s Version
- Use an ordinal number to signify the edition.
- The word “edition” is abbreviated.
- Use a comma to separate this piece of information from the next.

Container’s Number
- In this instance, the textbook is one of a collection of books. To indicate which one is being cited, the book number is added.
- The word “book” is abbreviated.
- Use a comma to separate this piece of information from the next.

Container’s Publisher
- Use a comma to separate this piece of information from the next.

Container’s Publication Date
- Use a comma to separate this piece of information from the next.

Location of Source within the Container
- A “pp.” appears as an abbreviation for the page numbers the source appears on in the container.
- Conclude the citation with a period.