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**QUOTATIONS**

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1. **Short Quotation:**

A short quotation (**less than 40 words**) should be enclosed with double quotation marks and should be incorporated into the text. The source of the quotation; author, year, and page number should be cited. The examples demonstrate three different formats for including quotes in the body of your paper.

*Example 1:*

Allport (1955) stated, "People, it seems are busy leading their lives into future, whereas psychology, for the most part is busy tracing them into past" (p. 51).

*Example 2:*

"People, it seems are busy leading their lives into future, whereas psychology, for the most part is busy tracing them into past" (Allport, 1955, p. 51).

*Example 3:*

Allport (1955) stated that people are future oriented and yet, "psychology for the most part is busy tracing them into past" (p. 51).

## 2. Long Quotation:

A quotation of **40 or more words** should be written in a separate new paragraph. Do not use quotation marks. The entire quotation should be indented five spaces and all lines in the first paragraph of the quote (including the first line) should be flushed with the quotation margin. The first line of each additional paragraph should be indented five spaces from the quotation margin. When words within a sentence are omitted from the original, print 3 points (periods) to indicate that some part has been omitted. If there is an omission between sentences, use 4 points to indicate this omission.

### *Example:*

Goddard (1912) stated,

The idiot is not our greatest problem. He is indeed loathsome.... Nevertheless, he lives his life and is done. He does not continue the race with a line of children like himself....It is the moron type that makes for us our great problem. Precisely because these high grade defectives can pass for normal, getting married and having families. (pp. 101-102)