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What stays the same.

What’s new.

Example citations.
In Text citation requirements and style remain the same

- Johnson has proposed that . . . (145).
- This difference highlights the importance of the study (Johnson 145).
- *Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America* notes that despite the . . . (3).
- Despite the apparent . . . (Reading 3).
Works with Multiple Authors

Two:

Smith and Johnson argue that . . . (25).

The study indicates the most . . . (Smith and Johnson 25).

Three or more:

Brondolo, et al, have asked the question, “Is perceived exposure to racism associated with elevated BP?” (55).

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What is different?

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