

CITING SOURCES IN THE TEXT

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1. *Author's name in text. (idea)*

Tannen has argued that mandarins are good for you (178-85).

2. *Author's name in reference.(idea)*

Mandarins are good for you (Tannen 178-85).

3. *Author's name in text. (direct quote)*

It may be true, as Robertson maintains, that "in the appreciation of medieval art the attitude of the observer is of primary importance..." (136).

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5. *Source with no author in text. (idea)*

According to "Mandarin," oranges are good for you.

6. *Source with no author in reference. (idea)*

Oranges are good for you ("Mandarin").

7. *Source with no author in reference. (direct quote)*

According to "Mandarin," the best oranges in the world are mandarins "because they are easy to peel, seedless and always sweet."

8. *Source with no author in reference. (direct quote)*

The best oranges in the world are mandarins "because they are easy to peel, seedless and always sweet" ("Mandarin").

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