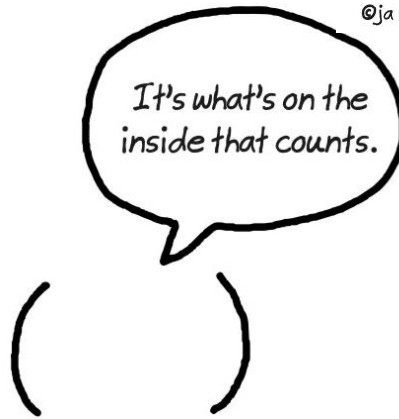


## parenthetically speaking

You've found your sources, you've made your bibliography now what?



Here are some tips to help you rock parenthetical citations.

### Where do I place the parentheses?

*The parentheses are placed at the end of the clause.*

Ezekiel saw "what seemed to be four living creatures," each with faces of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (New Jerusalem Bible, Ezek. 1.5-10).

Lightenor has argued that computers are not useful tools for small children ("Too Soon" 38), though he has acknowledged elsewhere that early exposure to computer games does lead to better small motor skill development in a child's second and third year ("Hand-Eye Development" 17).

### Now where does the period go?

*Punctuation (like a period or comma) is placed after the parentheses.*

Although some medical ethicists claim that cloning will lead to designer children (R. Miller 12), others note that the advantages for medical research outweigh this consideration (A. Miller 46).

### How about brackets?

*Brackets are used to alter the content of a quote, including changing the capitalization of a quote, to add a clarification or translation, or to identify an error.*

Smith writes in his autobiography: "I seldom spoke in French class. When I did, I usually just said je ne sais pas [I don't know]."

"[T]his study has been widely cited, notwithstanding its dubious methodology."

Under the terms of his employment contract, his "[p]erformance-based stock options shall not vest until December 31, 2015."

The final report indicated that "pilot error were [sic] the most likely cause of the crash." *Note that sic should be italicized, but the brackets containing it should not.*