

## How to Cite Quotes and Outside Information in a Paper

### Example of how to cite exact text from the book:

Mia's mother recognized that her daughter was going through a hard time. She was experiencing the growing pains of learning about one's own identity. One evening, Mia overhears a conversation between her parents: "'She's in a phase,' my mother answers calmly. 'She's trying to figure out who she is'" (158). Not only does this align with a Coming of Age theme, but it also shows that Mia's parents knew she was going through a hard time.

### Example of how to cite a paraphrased scene from the book:

Mia's mother recognized that her daughter was going through a hard time, evident by the conversation Mia overheard between her parents. They acknowledged that she was "in a phase" and "trying to figure out who she is" (158). Not only does this align with a Coming of Age theme, but it also shows that Mia's parents knew she was going through a hard time.

### Works Cited Entry (Ch. 5 in the *MLA Handbook*, specifically 5.5.2)

#### Works Cited

Mass, Wendy. *A Mango-Shaped Space*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2003.