In-Text Citations: How do I quote an article?

For any quote, you must use in-text citations. This is like TLC, but with a quote from an outside source. If you introduce the title in your lead, you do not need to include it in the citation at the end of the quote and can just use the last name. For online sources, you do not need to include a page number, just use a last name. If there is no author for the article, then cite the title of the article in the parenthesis. A helpful website to check up on these rules is: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_in_text_citations_the_basics.html

Here's an example: In her article, "Hedgehogs are a Prickly Issue in Some States," author Laura Moss quotes Dave Salmoni of Animal Planet, who expressed that "There always are ethical and moral issues with keeping exotics" before explaining that "In the case of hedgehogs, one of the big cons is that it is a nocturnal animal. So the pet owner either lets it sleep all day or takes it out of its enclosure to interact with it at a time in the day that the animal should be resting"(Moss).

If you are summarizing an author's idea, you need to put all ideas into your own words, but still include an end citation that reflects that you created this writing with influence from another's work. This allows the reader to access the source you drew from from your works cited page.

Here's an example: Many people feel that hedgehogs should not be pets for a few different reasons. First, as hedgehogs are naturally nocturnal animals, people who keep them as pets might disrupt their natural sleep patterns by playing with them during the day (Moss).

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Example of proper citation:
Moss, Laura. "Hedgehogs Are a Prickly Issue in Some States." *MNN - Mother Nature Network*, Mother Nature Network, 25 Jan. 2018, www.mnn.com/family/pets/stories/pet-hedgehogs-are-a-prickly-issue-for-some-states.