

Footnotes

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Two key ideas to bear in mind:

- Doesn't matter if it's a quote, a paraphrase, a description, or an idea. If it came from a source, it must be cited.
- A footnote says this information came from one of the items in your bibliography, and that it came from a particular page.

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¹ George, 7.
² Pomeroy, 89.

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2 A footnote points to an item in the bibliography and adds a page number.

FAQ: Footnotes and in-text cites

- **Do I have to use footnotes?** No. You can use in-text parenthetical cites, as in (George, 7).
- **How do I footnote?** In most programs, go to the Insert menu and click on "Footnote...".
- **What if the author appears twice in the bibliography?** Give the author name plus part of the title, then the page number, as in (Pomeroy, *Goddesses* 89).
- **What about ancient primary sources?** There's a special way. See the Ancient Sources page.