

Sources play what role in a short research paper?

They **confirm** the writer's own analysis of the subject material or topic.

They **provide** substantial support to the writer's own thoughts given on the topic.

They **add** credibility to the writer's personal commentary of the subject or topic.

They **give** the writer of the paper the opportunity to integrate stronger and clearer examples, which assist in supporting the writer's viewpoints.

They **assist** in expanding the writer's original thoughts.

They **are used selectively** in the paper.

Roles sources do **not** perform:

They **do not introduce** the topic.

They **do not overtake** the paper and become the main text of the paper.

They **do not stand-alone** without proper introduction by the writer of the paper.

Once introduced properly, they **do not** become the main text and are given ample explanation from the writer.

They **do not exist** as the main commentary of the paper.

Inserting quotations: (MLA)

In the mid-sentence structure:

EX: The result stipulates a “widening of the net of social control” to encompass more individuals (Morris and Tonry 225).

At the end of a sentence with insertion material using [_]

EX: Marketing reality TV taps into social issues and creates a cocktail mix using multimedia, and “the interaction [of audiences] drives reality TV into its future as a booming multiplatform network of texts” (Edwards 183).

Using brackets to indicate changes, an ellipsis, and correct sentence punctuation:

EX: Noting that students need additional assistance “into the critical investigation of conflicts within their own communities . . . for local inquir[ies] and problem solving,” Paul Collins authors a book dedicated to community writing (xii).
