

Here are just three of the ways to incorporate in-text citations using MLA:

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So, let's say you need to use a block quote. This is how it appears:

Further, evidence suggests that Milton understood exactly what it meant to retreat, Ignatian-style, into the inner self for private imaginings:

It is better therefore to contemplate the Deity, and to conceive of him, not with reference to human passions, that is, after the manner of men, who are never weary of forming subtle imaginations respecting him, but after the manner of Scripture, that is, in the way wherein God has offered himself to our contemplation; . . . (CE xiv. 33)

Who are these ambiguous men who "never weary of forming subtle imaginations"? St. Ignatius Loyola? St. Bernard of Clairvaux? St. Bonaventure? Or any and every one of a hundred other Catholics whose meditative treatises flooded England, their works churned out through secret presses? Milton's reference to never wearying men not only suggests his awareness of Ignatian treatises, but the very specific nature of his remark on "subtle

imaginations” (*CE* xiv. 33), increases the likelihood that he did not record in his Commonplace Book his readings of at least some of these texts.

Notice that:

- 1. Block quotes are used only “If a quotation runs more than four lines in your paper” (Gibaldi 110).**
- 2. Always use a colon at the end of the signal phrase.**
- 3. Quotation marks are not used to open/close block quotes.**
- 4. Block quotes are indented 10 spaces from the left margin, but if a 10 space indentation makes the block quote match up with the paper’s standard paragraph indentation then it is acceptable to indent the block quote an additional tab space. It is not acceptable for paragraph indentations and block quote indentations to match up, for the block quote indentation must be deeper.**
- 5. Block quotes run flush to the right margin.**
- 6. Punctuation goes at the end of the quote’s final sentence, not after the page number.**