How to do 'in-text' citations: Referring to sources within the Text of an Assignment

For your assignment the bibliography at the end may be all that is necessary. You should find out from your teacher whether you need to make references within the body of your work, as well as have a bibliography at the end. This page describes how to acknowledge your sources as you use them, within the text of your assignment.

The essential information is the author's name, and the year of publication. If you are referring to a particular part of the publication, include page numbers. In general, use similar rules to those used in the bibliography, but in a briefer form.

Brief guide - how to write the in-text citations

A basic in-text citation is simply the author's name, followed by the year of publication. This goes inside the sentence which you are using the work of this author:

...in a recent example Wells (2001) found that...

In the bibliography at the end of your assignment, you should have all of the details necessary for the reader to find all of the details for the item that Wells, wrote, in 2001.

A basic in-text citation with page numbers should be used where part of the publication is being referred to:

...in a recent example Wells (2001) pp.44-46 found that...

The page numbers (...'pp.44-46'...) refer the exact part of the publication from which you are taking your material.

This is the basic method of making an in-text citation. If you would like more information, try the links below:

UTS referencing Guide

RMIT Referencing Guide
http://www.dlsweb.rmit.edu.au/lsu/content/1_StudySkills/study_tuts/harvard_LL/harvard.html