

## PARENTHETICAL DOCUMENTATION

This most recent snowstorm was caused by “an extreme cold front that crept across the state Wednesday night” (Giles 43), and later we were visited by a second band of precipitation that lasted all day and night on Thursday (Mitchell 27).

- This is an example of a sentence with PARENTHETICAL DOCUMENTATION.
- You will use parenthetical documentation to show me where you got which bits of information.
- Look closely at the punctuation. As a general rule, the punctuation marks come after the parentheses.
- If you are unsure about how to cite a particular source, return to Noodle Tools.
  - If you have completed the citation correctly in Noodle Tools, then look to the right. You should see the words “parenthetical reference.”

The screenshot shows the NoodleBib interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Bibliography', 'My Notes', and 'Help'. Below the tabs is a search bar with a dropdown menu labeled 'Select a citation type>' and a 'Go' button. The main content area is titled 'Works Cited' and contains two entries. Each entry has a checkbox, a title, author information, and publication details. To the right of each entry are buttons for 'Edit', 'Copy', and 'Delete', and a link for 'Parenthetical Reference' with the text 'Have a Question?' below it. A callout box with a black border and white background points to the 'Parenthetical Reference' link of the first entry, containing the text: 'See those tiny little words? Click there.'

- If you click on “parenthetical reference,” Noodle Tools will show you what your parenthetical documentation should look like.
- If you have to include a page number, make sure you use the exact one for your source. Don’t use the Noodle Tools default, which is 13-14.
- Your paragraph should have at least four different parenthetical citations, at least one from each source.
- PLEASE NOTE:
  - When we use “quotation marks around some words” (Brown 158), that means that we are using exactly the same words as the author who wrote them originally.
  - When we slightly change the author’s words, we do not use quotation marks, but we still need to use parenthetical documentation to show that we did not think of that information ourselves (Brown 159).