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In his essay, "The Medium is the Message," McLuhan (1995) stated, "Indeed, it is only too typical that the content of any medium blinds us to the character of the medium" (p. 152).

You must use quotation marks when using the source's exact words in the exact order they appear, even if only you are only using three or four words.

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It has been said that "the content of any medium blinds us to the character of the medium" (McLuhan, 1995, p. 152).

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> Subliminal and docile acceptance of media impact has made them prisons without walls for their human users. As A. J. Liebling remarked in his book The Press, a man is not free if he cannot see where he is going, even if he has a gun to help him get there. For each of the media is also a powerful weapon with which to clobber other media and other groups. (p. 20)

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Carter et al. (2010) stated "quote"/paraphrase (p. 72).

"quote"/paraphrase (Carter et al., 2010, p. 72).

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Coles, K. A. (2015). The matter of belief in John Donne's Holy Sonnets. *Renaissance*

    Q*uarterly, 68*(3), 899-931. doi:10.1086/683855

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Safire, W. (2008, June 8). Irregular warfare. *The New York Times Magazine*.

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safire-t.html

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