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MLA

Here is the source information:

Belsey, Catherine. "Shakespeare's Sad Tale for Winter: Hamlet and the Tradition of Fireside Ghost Stories." *Shakespeare Quarterly*, vol. 61, no. 1, 2010, pp. 1–27, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/40731136>. Accessed 29 Aug. 2019

Here is a sentence within the text:

"Shakespeare went on to produce his own *Winter's Tale* about a cryptic prophecy, a long-lost child restored, and a miraculous resurrection" (Belsey 4).

Here is what the sentence looks like when quoted within a paper, using proper embedding:

Catherine Belsey argues, "Shakespeare went on to produce his own *Winter's Tale* about a cryptic prophecy, a long-lost child restored, and a miraculous resurrection" (Belsey 4).

Paraphrased:

Belsey notes that Shakespeare later wrote *Winter's Tale* that includes a mysterious foretelling, a parent-child reconciliation, and an unlikely coming back to life (4).

In the original: "Ghosts suspend the rules of logic just as they break the laws of nature. They belong to the past, to a history that should have closed with their death, and yet they reappear to trouble the present and change the future."

A properly cited paraphrase:

Belsey asserts that ghosts do not follow rules of logic or nature but appear in a later time period to affect the present and the future instead of being confined to the past (5).

APA

If the quotation you are using falls at the end of the sentence, enclose the quotation with quotation marks without including the quotation's original punctuation. Here is a sentence as it appears in the original text:

"Semantic frames/domains represent one of the two major organizing principles for conceptual structure" (Croft & Cruse, 2004, p. 32).

Here is what the sentence looks like when quoted within a text:

In arguing for frame semantics, Croft and Cruse (2004) asserted, "Semantic frames/domains represent one of the two major organizing principles for conceptual structure" (p. 32).

Paraphrasing material from a published source:

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