

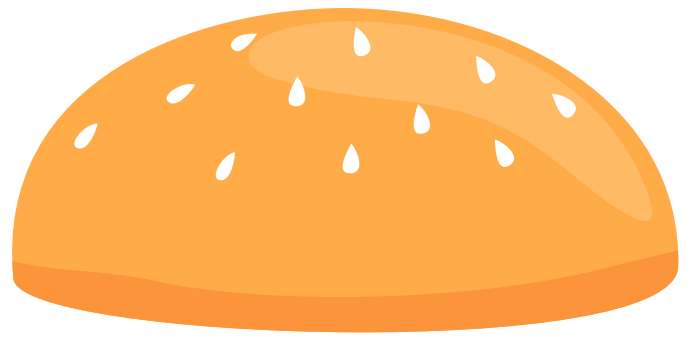
ADDING YOUR ACADEMIC VOICE

When incorporating outside sources into your writing, it is essential that you add your own academic voice.

Your ideas should be **supported** through the integration of your sources, not replace them.

The next time you are tasked with incorporating sources into your writing, think of the below burger figure.

**STEP 1: THE
TOP BUN
(INTRODUCE)**



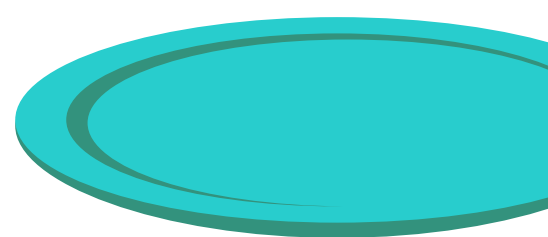
**STEP 2: THE
“GOOD STUFF”
(INCORPORATE
WITH PROPER
IN-TEXT
CITATION)**



**STEP 3: THE
BOTTOM BUN
(ANALYZE)**



**STEP 4: THE
PLATE (CITE
SOURCE IN
REFERENCE
PAGE)**



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1. INTRODUCE

The first step in the process for adding your academic voice is to introduce the topic.

Inform your readers on what the paragraph will discuss (topic sentence). You can also introduce the source that you will later analyze. This can include mentioning the author(s) and their background, the academic journal that the source was published, and their research methodology.

2. INCORPORATE

After introducing the topic/source, you will need to incorporate your source. You should use a **signal phrase** to gently guide your readers into the incorporation. You will also need to include proper in-text citations with your incorporation. The rules are different for each style; it's your responsibility as a student to ensure that your sources are incorporated correctly.

3. ANALYZE

The third step is to analyze the evidence from your source. **Your readers need to understand why the source was chosen.** Analyzing a source can include discussing your interpretation of the source, how it supports your thesis, how it fits into the larger conversation of your topic, why the information is important, significant, and meaningful, etc.

4. CITE IN REFERENCE PAGE

Lastly, do not forget to cite your source(s) correctly in a complete Reference(s) page at the end of your essay. Again, it is your responsibility to cite your sources properly per each style's guidelines. Some resources you can refer to for assistance include the [APA Style](#) or [MLA Style](#) website, [Purdue Owl](#), credible [YouTube](#) videos, or the [Writing Lab](#) at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.



If you need any assistance with adding your academic voice, please make an appointment with the Writing Lab using the QR Code.