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Personality and Birth Order: First-Borns and Later-Borns

Does birth order have any effect on personality? The naysayers

including psychologists Monica A. Seff, Viktor Gecas, and James H. Frey

argue that "research on birth order effects has been remarkably inconsistent

and inconclusive with regard to various personality and behavioral

outcomes." MIT historian Frank Sulloway disagrees. In his book, *Born to*

Rebel, he offers proof of the relationship between birth order and personality.

Researching the lives of historical figures, Sulloway observes that

later-borns tend to champion liberal or unconventional ideas while first-borns

do not: "Later-borns were more likely than first-borns were to support each

of the 61 liberal causes . . . surveyed, from the Protestant Reformation to the

American civil-rights movement" (qtd. in Cowley). Rule-breaking later-

borns include Susan B. Anthony, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr.,

and Charles Darwin. In contrast, first-borns defend the status quo (Sulloway

79). Naturalist Louis Agassiz fits this mold. The most influential naturalist of

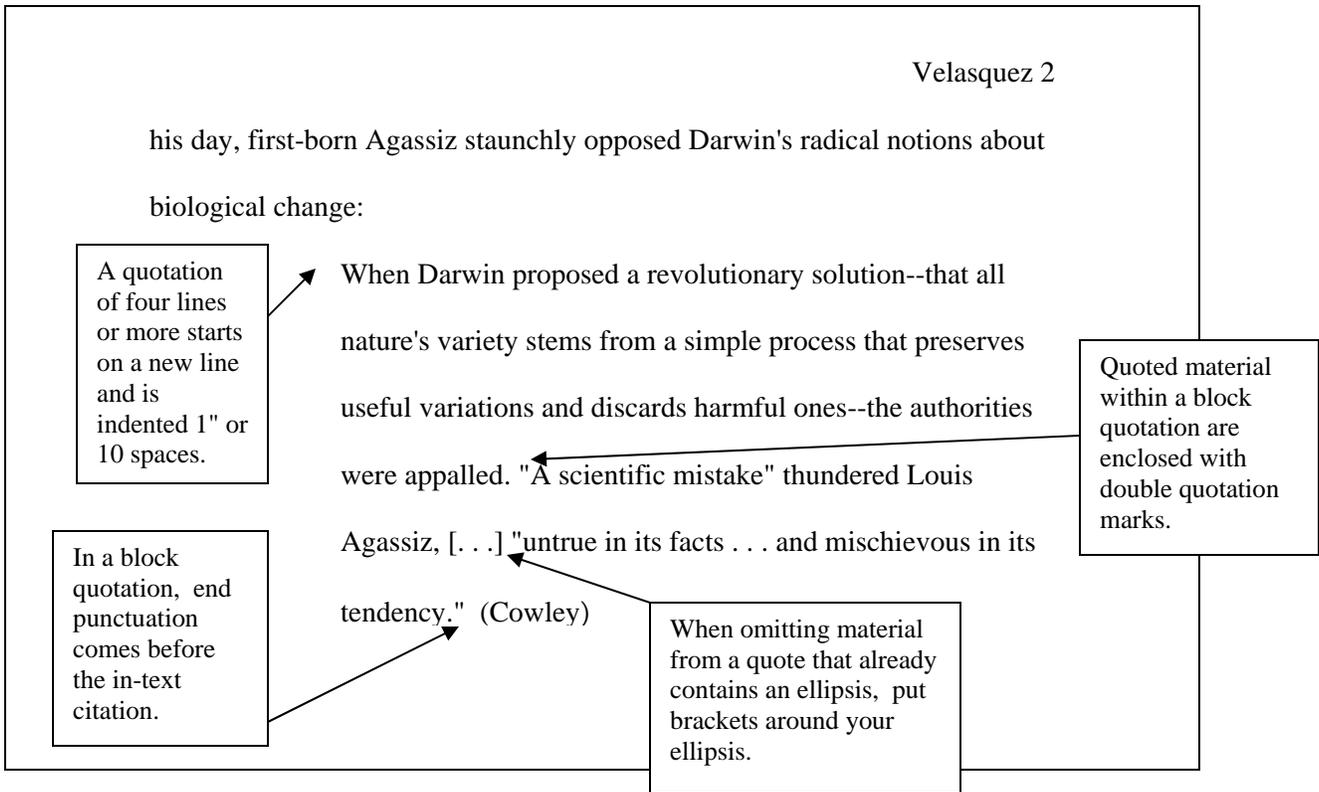
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