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Parenthetical Citation Exercise  
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Directions: Each of the following sentences makes at least one error (often more than one) in MLA citation format or usage. Correct those errors by recopying the entire sentence with the correct parenthetical citations. Correct **all** the errors in each example.

1. A major reason families succeeded in the 1950s was that "federal assistance programs were much more generous and widespread than they are today." (Coontz, p. 62).
2. According to Stephanie Coontz, in the 1950s "federal assistance programs were much more generous and widespread than they are today" (Coontz, 62).
3. Stephanie Coontz argues that it was the generosity and availability of federal aid programs that made families seem so successful and reliable in the 1950s.
4. Even politically conservative scholars admit that we "should not hide from students that Colombus and other European explorers were often brutal" (Cheney, 267.)
5. Lynne Cheney is forced to admit that students should learn that even European explorers were "often brutal (Cheney 267)."
6. Lynne Cheney concedes that students must be told the errors of our European past (p. 267).
7. In the online article "[The Income Inequality Debate](#)" we are told that although the author finds "the poverty of the very poor unlvely, ... [p]overty is a relative concept."