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The diagram shows a page with the following text and callouts:

1. Double-space all text, including your "Works Cited" page at the end (points to the entire page)

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English
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2. Leave only 1 space after periods (points to the period in "Mr. Mister")

3. Indent the first line of every paragraph (use TAB) (points to the first line of the first paragraph)

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South Africa and Apartheid

Apartheid in South Africa refers to the systemic separation of races into two main groups: white and nonwhite. By law, nonwhite South Africans were forced to maintain separate living and working spaces from whites. In addition, nonwhites were barred from seeking public office.

5. Provide a parenthetical citation when you summarize or paraphrase information from a source (points to "(Pratt 7)" in the second paragraph)

The laws of apartheid caused South African blacks to lose their rights to equal employment, equal living conditions, and equal education (Pratt 7). The policies of apartheid are rooted in the nation's history. "Ever since the first Dutch settlers arrived in South Africa in the seventeenth century, the country has been reaping a bitter harvest sown of greed, hatred, and racism" (Pratt 7). Based on the efforts of European colonization throughout history, it can be concluded that the introduction of Dutch settlers in the region brought with it a need to secure power.

6. Put quotation marks around direct quotes and provide the citation at the end of the sentence, outside the last quotation mark (points to the quote and "(Pratt 7)" in the second paragraph)

Alan Paton, a South African writer, helps us better understand the history of South Africa and the policies of apartheid in his famous novel *Cry, the Beloved Country*. The novel illustrates Paton's strong opposition to the policies of inequality in South Africa yet the story brings hope of change:

7. Italicize book titles (points to "*Cry, the Beloved Country*")

8. A direct quote over four lines must be set off by indenting 10 spaces (tab twice). Provide the citation after the period. (points to the four-line quote and "(Marcus 7)")

A number of its themes have permanent and universal interest: division and reconciliation between fathers and sons; crime, punishment, and the law; hope in circumstances of personal desolation; the movement of rural populations to industrial centers; and the plight of squatters and the homeless in cities that are also the focus of power and wealth. (Marcus 7)

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