

Parenthetical Citations Summary

Detailed information and examples are in the 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook* on pages 214 to 232.

Put a parenthetical citation after all facts summarized/paraphrased and after all quotes.

Fact (citation)

"Quote" (citation)

When writing sentences, put the parenthetical citation one space after the last word and then add the citation one space BEFORE the period. In other words, the period goes AFTER the citation.

Sentence (citation).

After quotation marks, add one space and then the citation. If writing sentences, put the period after the citation.

"Quote" (citation).

Examples of Parenthetical Citations

(Note that if page numbers are available, you must include them in the citation.)

One Author

State ONLY the author's last name.

(Eustis 42-44)

Two Authors

State ONLY the authors' last names connected by the word *and*.

(Eustis and Parks 241)

Three Authors

(Eustis, Parks, and Sandler)

More Than Three Authors

State the last name of the first author listed. Add a comma. Add one space and then the Latin phrase shown below (et al.) that means "and others." Note that *et al* is followed by a period.

(Eustis, et al. 19)

More Than One Book or Article by the Same Author

After the author's last name, add a comma, add one space, and then the first 3/4 main words of the title of the book or article.

(Eustis, *Three or Four Main Words of Book Title* 345-46)

(Eustis, "Three or Four Main Words of Article Title")

No Author (Anonymous Author)

Give the first 3/4 main words of the title of the book or article.

Titles of book titles are italicized.

(*First Three/Four Main Words of Book Title*)

Titles of articles are in quotation marks.

("First Three/Four Main Words of Article Title" 43)

No Author and More Than One Article with the Same Title

After the brief article title, add the brief title of the publication (book, newspaper, magazine, journal, etc.) or the title of the web site.

("Theresa Jespersen" *HIES Journal* 471)

("Theresa Jespersen" *HIES Leaders*)

("Theresa Jespersen" *HIES.org*)

Citing More Than One Source in a Single Parenthetical Citation

State the information as usual for each source; separate the two sources with a semicolon.

(Eustis and Parks 43; Pitchford 101-33)

("Title of Article"; Tornusciolo)

(Watkins 118; *Title of Book* 233)