

Citation Formats (MLA)¹

Integrated into Your Sentences (the number is the page number)

One author, first mention: Knight reported that... (391).

One author, later mentions: Knight summarized his work by ... (421-423).

Two authors, first mention: Schumaker and Sheldon wrote that...(67).

Two authors, later mentions: Schumaker and Sheldon concluded that ... (67-68).

Three to five authors, first mention: Hughes, Hughes, and Kennedy stated that... (25).

Three to five authors, later mentions: Hughes et al. conducted a study on... (25).

Six or more authors, first mention: Siler et al. set up an investigation to...(15).

Six or more authors, later mentions: Siler et al. looked into the reasons for... (15).

At the End of Sentences (not integrated in the sentence)

One author, first mention: A later study was conducted on five variables (Knight 391).

One author, later mentions: The final conclusion was startling (Knight 421-423).

Two authors, first mention: Another study was conducted on the same topic (Schumaker and Sheldon 67).

Two authors, later mentions: The results revealed a new method for teaching (Schumaker and Sheldon 67-68).

Three to five authors, first mention: Researchers found a new way to study the problem (Hughes, Hughes, & Kennedy 95).

¹ This list is derived from the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing, Third Edition* published by the Modern Language Association in 2008.

Three to five authors, later mentions: This new method has now been used by three other research groups (Hughes et al. 101-103).

Six or more authors, first mention: The next investigation revealed a new cause for the problem (Siler et al. 15).

Six or more authors, later mentions: People can now concentrate on preventing that cause (Siler et al. 15).

For Quotations

At the end of any quotation

Follow the guidelines above.

One author: “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll 45).

Two authors: “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll and Lane 45).

Three to five authors: “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll, Lane, and Stull 45).

Six or more authors: “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll et al. 45).

When the author’s name is used within the sentence

One author: Carroll reported, “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

Two authors: Carroll and Lane revealed that “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

Three to five authors: Carroll, Lane, and Stull concluded, “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

Six or more authors: Carroll et al. stated that “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).