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Parenthetical Reference:
(Williams 124). Refers to a specific page.
(Williams). Refers to the entire book.

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_European Artists_. Macmillan Profiles.

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Parenthetical Reference: (Steward 77, 116-18).

Parenthetical Reference: (Nuttall 22-34).


Parenthetical Reference: (Stevenson, *Armaments* 16).

(Stevenson, *Outbreak* 145-46).
A Book by Two or More Authors


Parenthetical Reference: (Bevelacqua 103).
(Rominger, Heisinger, and Elkin 53).


Parenthetical Reference: (Deane et al. 171, 185-90). (Williams et al. 142).
A Book by a Corporate Author

American Psychological Association

Parenthetical Reference: (APA 138).
A Book with an Edition and a Translator


Parenthetical Reference: (Gibaldi 56).

(Hyman)
A Multi-Volume Work


Parenthetical Reference: (Fallek and Solie-Johnson 558).
Books without stated publication information or pagination

ABBREVIATE

- **No Publisher** – New York: n.p., 2009.
- **No Date** – New York: Oxford UP, n.d.
Citing Articles

- An article in a familiar reference book or encyclopedia
- Article in a reference book or encyclopedia
- An article in a newspaper
- An article in a magazine
- An article in a scholarly journal
- An anonymous article
An Article in a Familiar Reference Book or Encyclopedia


Parenthetical Reference: (Gates).
An Article in a Reference Book or Encyclopedia


Parenthetical Reference: (McColley 151).

Parenthetical Reference: (Scott).
An Article in a Magazine

Weekly or bi-weekly magazine

Plagens, Peter. “A Life-time Passion for Collecting.”

Monthly or Bi-Monthly Magazine


Note: Abbreviate all months except May, June & July

Parenthetical Reference: (Plagens 76).
(“Judaism”).
An Article in a Scholarly Journal


Note: 103.4 & 90.2 = volume . issue

Parenthetical Reference: (“Can We Save”). (Rubin 10).
An Anonymous Article


Parenthetical Reference: (“(Hands”)).
(“(History”)).
Citing Other Resources

- A film, video recording, or DVD
- An interview
  - Published or recorded interviews
  - Interviews broadcast on television or radio
  - Interview conducted by the researcher
- A lecture, a speech, an address or a reading
A Videocassette or DVD


An Interview

“Name of the person interviewed. If the interview is part of a publication, recording, or program, enclose the title of the interview, if any, in quotation marks; if the interview was published independently, italicize the title. If the interview is untitled, use the descriptive label Interview, neither italicized nor enclosed in quotation marks. Conclude with the appropriate bibliographic information and the medium of publication.

(MLA 201)
Published or Recorded Interviews


Parenthetical Reference: (Grossman). (Wolfe).
Interviews Broadcast on Television or Radio

Kevorkian, Dr. Jack. Interview with Larry King. 

Bush, President George W. Interview with Ray Suarez. *

Parenthetical Reference: (Kevorkian). (Bush).


Parenthetical Reference: (Davis).
(Malone).
(Turner).
A Lecture, a Speech, an Address, or a Reading


Speaker’s last name, First name and Initial. “Title of the presentation (if known).” The meeting title (if given). The sponsoring organization (if given). Location. Day Month Year. Descriptive label (Address, Lecture, Keynote speech, Reading).

Parenthetical Reference: (McKinney).
Citing Web Publications

- An online book  i.e. netlibrary.com
- An audio book
- An article in an online reference database  
  i.e. Encyclopaedia Britannica Online
- An article in an online database
  - EBSCOhost  SIRS
  - LexisNexis  MagillOnLiterature Plus
- A complete scholarly project, or information database
- A personal site
- A scholarly journal on the web
- An online news article
- A YouTube video
- An online map

Parenthetical Reference: (Tracy).

Parenthetical Reference: (Dallek and McGonagle).

Note: Abr. ed. is an abbreviation for Abridged Edition.
An Article in an Online Reference Database


Parenthetical Reference: ("Seven Wonders").
An Article in an Online Database

Cite the article following the recommended format for citing articles. *Italicize the title of the database.* State the medium consulted – web. The date of access (day, month, and year).

When no pagination is given, use *n. pag.*

Parenthetical Reference: (Rockney).


Parenthetical Reference: (Gold 42). (Linton)

Parenthetical Reference: (Blankley).

Parenthetical Reference: (Poe).
A Complete Scholarly Project or Information Database


Parenthetical Reference:  
(Bartleby.com).  
(History.com)
A Personal Site


Name of person who created the site. Title of the Site italicized or if there is no title, use the description Home page, the date of the last update, if given; the medium, followed by the date of access.

Parenthetical Reference: (Davis).

Parenthetical Reference: (Stambor).
An Online News Article

“U.S. to Seize Mosques, Skyscraper Linked to Iran.”


Parenthetical Reference: (U.S.).


Parenthetical Reference: (Alexie).

(Review).
An Online Map


Parenthetical Reference: ("Camden").
Documentation: Citing Sources

- Parenthetical documentation
- General Notes
Parenthetical Documentation

- Author’s name in the sentence
- Author’s name in the reference
- Citing an entire work
- Citing part of an article or of a book
- Citing volume and page numbers of a multivolume work
- Citing a work listed by title
- Citing two or more works by the same author
- Citing more than one work in a single reference
Author’s Name in the Sentence

- Magny develops this argument (67-69).
- Others, like Walters and Edwards (123), hold the opposite point of view.
- It may be true, as Smith maintains, that “media and the military cultures are clashing” (264).
- According to Gibaldi, “if, for example, you include an author’s name in a sentence, you need not repeat the name in the parenthetical page citation that follows” (206).
Others have argued this point (e.g. Kerrigan and Smith).

Only one scholar has observed this relation (Cooper 53).

Gibaldi recommends placing “the parenthetical reference where a pause would naturally occur (preferably at the end of a sentence), as near as possible to the material documented” (207).
Citing an Entire Work

- Davis’ *Gardening Secrets* include many vegetable and flower growing tips.

- Malone and Turner broke new ground on the subject.

- Fryar and her coeditors have provided a useful guide to 2003 tax laws.
Helen Cothran presents several opinions on factors that cause police brutality (55-84).

The Iraq War was the first war in which television reporting was real-time, hence called “War: Live in Iraq” (Smith 59-78).
Fallek and Solie-Johnson state “pitfalls are only something to worry about if you don’t know where they are” (2: 757).

In the election of 2000, the ballot counting system in the United States underwent intense scrutiny (Schlesinger, vol. 4).
Citing a Work Listed by Title


- Paul Cézanne, “a founder of impressionism,” was born and raised in Aux-en-Provence (*European Artists* 70).
Citing Two or More Works by the Same Author or Authors

“The global impact of the First World War dominated the history of the first half of the twentieth century” (Stevenson, Armaments 29).
Citing More Than One Work in a Single Reference

- (Davis 23; Malone 133-45)
- (Arkansas Historical Association 28-30; Smith 450)
- (Stevenson, Bender, and Cothran xii; Banks 57-62)
- (Stevenson, Armaments 1-28; Murphy 77-86)
- (Stevenson, Outbreak 99-113; Manning)
- (“Marriage”; Johnson 77)
- (Report; Armstrong 101)
- (Williams et. al., 2: 159; Crane)
Works Cited: General Notes

- Draft this section first so that you will know what information to give in parenthetical references as you write.
- The list of works cited appears at the end of the paper. If your paper ends in page 14, works cited page is 15.
- ½ header should be aligned right with Last Name page#.
- Center the title, *Works Cited*, an inch from the top of the page.
- Double-space between the title and the first entry.
- Begin each entry flush with the left margin, indent subsequent lines five spaces.
- Double-space the entire list, both between and within alphabetical entries.
Works Cited

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