

# MLA Style Parenthetical In-Text Citations

## Single Author

Although she wrote many novels, poems, and essays, few of them were published until after her death in 1872 (Jones 27).

## Single Author mentioned within the text of the paper

Jones notes that the author received very little recognition until after her death (28).

## Multiple Authors

*Multiple authors are cited in a similar way, although both names are included, and joined by the word "and":*

Born in 1862, Smith's parents were killed during the Civil War and he was sent to live with an aunt in California (Thomas and Jones 56).

For more than three authors, use the first author's last name, followed by the abbreviation "et al.": i.e. (Thomas et al. 378).

## Group or Corporate Authors

The shortage of uninfected blood has reached crisis proportions in many developing countries (American Red Cross 22).

## No Author

*If no author is available, use the first two words of the title of the article or chapter and enclose them in quotation marks.*

Poe's work was viewed with very little respect by some well-known authors such as Mark Twain and Thoreau ("Edgar Allan" 26).

*If two of the articles have the same title, use the first word of the article title and the first word of the source title.*

During much of his life Poe is believed to have suffered from drug addiction and mental illness ("Edgar" *Contemporary* 234).

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For additional examples or information, refer to *The MLA Manual for Writers of Research Papers*. 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Section 6.1-6.5.2.