

Model Parenthetical Citations

The following samples are based on formats from the *MLA* (Modern Language Association) *Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. They show acceptable formats for parenthetical citations of both quoted and paraphrased information.

Parenthetical Citations for Paraphrased Information

A Work by a Single Author

The point of the argument is that quality is more important than quantity (Keller 65–67).

A Work with Two or More Authors

The point of the argument is that quality is more important than quantity (Keller and Leer 65–67).

Two or More Works by the Same Author with Author's Name in Text

The point of Keller's argument is that quality is more important than quantity (Business Facts 65–67).

A Work by an Author Whose Name Is Attributed in the Sentence

Keller draws the conclusion that quantity is less important than quality (65–67).

A Work from a Web Site with a Known Author

The point of the argument is that quality is more important than quantity (Doe, screen 1).

Parenthetical Citations for Directly Quoted Information

A Work by a Single Author

"Quality is more important than quantity" (Keller 65–67).

A Work with Two or More Authors

"Quality is more important than quantity" (Keller and Leer 65–67).

A Work by an Author Whose Name Is Attributed in the Sentence

According to Keller, "Quality is more important than quantity" (65–67).