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).