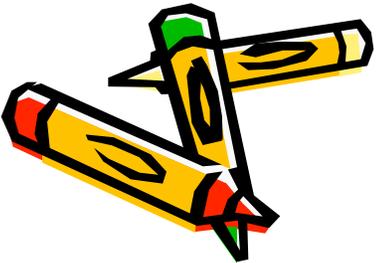


# MLA style parenthetical citation

*What are parenthetical citations??*

Parenthetical citations are used to **document any external sources** used within a document (unless the material cited is considered general knowledge).

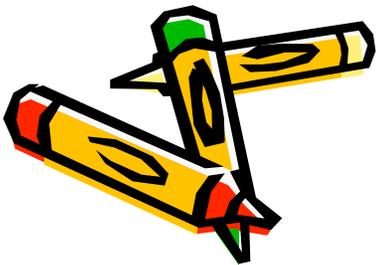
Parenthetical Citations **direct readers to the print and online sources listed in the Works Cited page**, located at the end of the document.



# If the author's name is mentioned in the text...

...cite the page number(s) in parentheses:

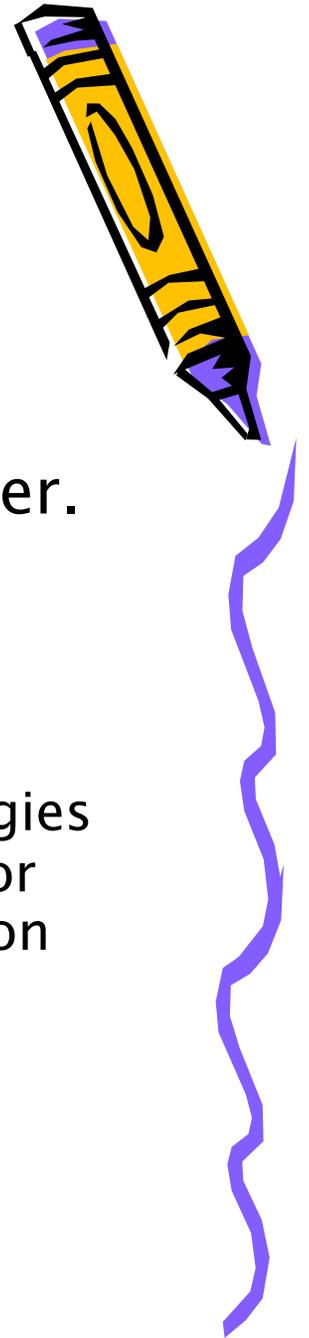
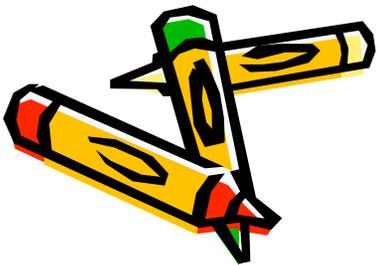
- Bradley argues that "it's a good idea to practice searching for information in library databases, to ensure that you are familiar with them" (7) before you go to college.



## If the author's name is not mentioned in the text...

...include the author's last name in the parenthetical citation before the page number. Note that no comma appears between the author's name and the page number.

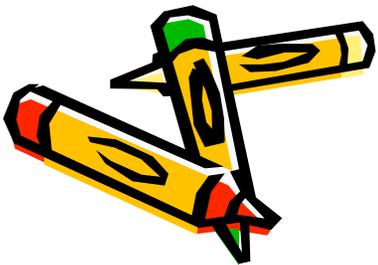
- "Ideally, each student would practice research strategies using a variety of sources so as to allow more time for analysis and evaluation of the information" (Thompson 97).



# If there is more than one work by the same author...

...include an abbreviated form of the title of the work in addition to the author's name and relevant page number. Separate the author's name and the title with a comma:

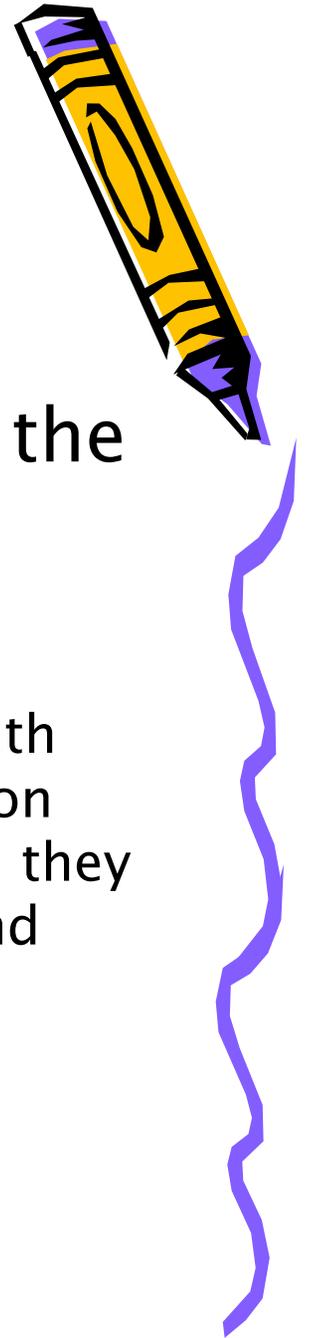
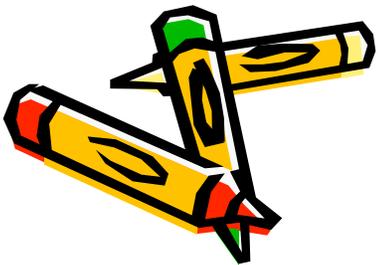
- Newer versions of PowerPoint offer a wide range of styles as it "redefines backgrounds, text and borders" (Lippi, Great Greeks 79).



## If there are two or three authors...

...place all of the authors' last names in the text or in the parenthetical citation:

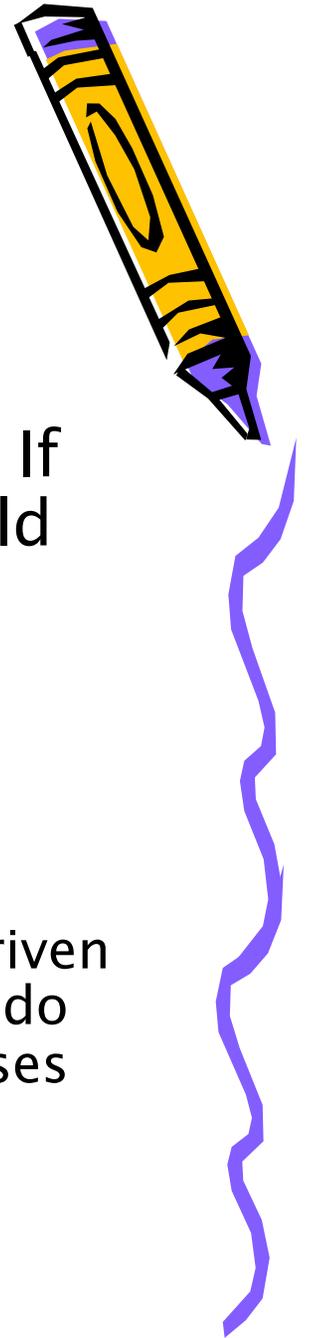
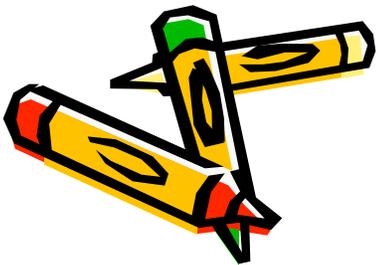
A team can be defined as "a small number of people with complementary skills who are committed to a common purpose, performance goals, and approach for which they hold themselves mutually accountable" (Hedstrom and Semling 45).



# If the source has a corporate author...

...include the corporate name and the page(s). If the corporate author's name is long, it should be included in the text rather than the parentheses:

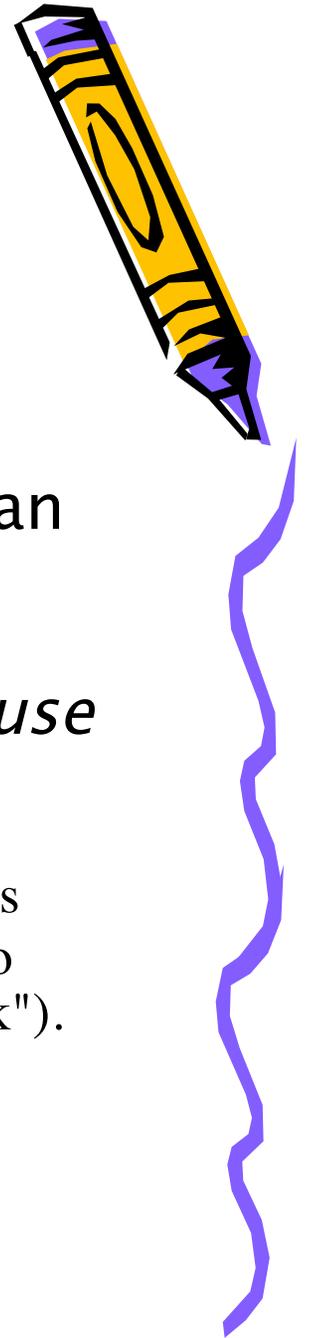
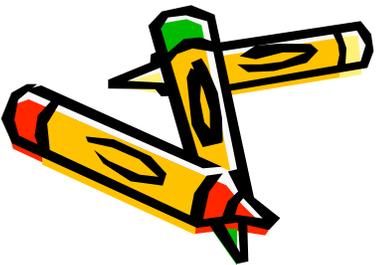
According to the Center for Disease Control and Population Activities, interest in pandemics and responsibilities over the past decade has been "driven by the realization that infected populations often do not benefit from certain activities and in some cases become even poorer and more marginalized" (3).



# If no author is identified...

...substitute for the author's name the title or an abbreviated title in the text or parenthetical citation. *Underline or italicize the title if the source is a book; if the source is an article, use quotation marks:*

- The use of Student Relationship Management (SRM) systems has grown substantially over the past five years as schools attempt to adapt to the demands of a global economy ("Making SRM Work").



# Parenthetical Citation of Online Sources

- The only real difference occurs because electronic texts do not have page numbers (unless the source is in PDF format or otherwise mimics a print version of the source).
- Most often, however, the source will have no paragraph, section, or screen numbers. In such instances, include no number in the parentheses, as shown below:

The Virtual Class Prototype is being used by the teachers at Marin Catholic for crisis management (VCP).

**For any other questions**

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