**Citation Formats (MLA)[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**In Your Sentences (the number is the page number)**

**One author**, first mention: Knight reported that… (391).

**One author**, later mentions: Knight summarized his work by … (421-423).

**Two authors,** first mention: Schumaker and Sheldon wrote that…(67).

**Two authors**, later mentions: Schumaker and Sheldon concluded that … (67-68).

**Three to five authors**, first mention: Hughes, Hughes, and Kennedy stated that… (25).

**Three to five** authors, later mentions: Hughes et al. conducted a study on… (25).

**Six or more** **authors**, first mention: Siler et al. set up an investigation to…(45).

**Six or more authors**, later mentions: Siler et al. looked into the reasons for… (45).

**At the End of Sentences (not integrated in the sentence)**

**One author**, first mention: A later study was conducted on five variables (Knight 391).

**One author**, later mentions: The final conclusion was startling (Knight 421-423).

**Two authors,** first mention: Another study was conducted on the same topic (Schumaker and Sheldon 67).

**Two authors**, later mentions: The results revealed a new method for teaching (Schumaker and Sheldon 67-68).

**Three to five authors**, first mention: Researchers found a new way to study the problem (Hughes, Hughes, & Kennedy 95).

**Three to five** authors, later mentions: This new method has now been used by three other research groups (Hughes et al. 101-103).

**Six or more** **authors**, first mention: The next investigation revealed a new cause for the problem (Siler et al., 1993).

**Six or more authors**, later mentions: People can now concentrate on preventing that cause (Siler et al., 1993).

**For Quotations**

**At the end of any quotation**

Follow the guidelines above.

**One author:** “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll 45).

**Two authors:** “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll and Lane 45).

**Three to five authors:** “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll, Lane, and Stull 45).

**Six or more authors:** “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (Carroll et al. 45).

**When the author’s name is used within the sentence**

**One author:** Carroll reported,“Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

**Two authors:** Carroll and Lane revealed that “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

**Three to five authors:** Carroll, Lane, and Stull concluded, “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

**Six or more authors:** Carroll et al. stated that “Fifteen species of birds are now endangered” (45).

1. This list is derived from the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing, Third Edition* published by the Modern Language Association in 2008. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)