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Type of Citation	Author named in text, pages in brackets at end.	Author name in parentheses	Subsequent references of same work
Work by one author	Walker stated.....(41).(Walker 41).	[In same paragraph, (56).]
Work by 2-3 authors	Wilcox, Ault, and Agee proved(125).	...(Wilcox, Ault, and Agee 125).	[In subsequent paragraph or after a different reference, return to the author/page format.]
Work by 4 or more Authors	Logan et al. reported.....(432).	...(Logan et al. 432).	

OR when sense of the text requires identification of all the authors, include them

EXAMPLES

CITING PART OF A WORK

BOOKS:

Knudtson and Suzuki were concerned with the authenticity of native sources used in their research (23).

OR

Anthropological research has provided “ecologically insightful accounts of native views of the natural world” (Knudtson and Suzuki 23).

ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS:

Lever’s research showed that gender usually determines the type of games children play (484-85).

OR

Recent research indicates that gender usually determines the type of games children play (Lever 484-85).

OR

Academic advisors reported a greatly improved success rate for students completing the pre-freshman Summer courses, particularly for students studying in English for the first time (Maggio et al. 30-31).

[Optionally, you may list the surnames of all authors of a multiple-author work if the sense of the text requires them – e.g.: (Maggio, White, Molstad, and Kher 30-31).]

ELECTRONIC SOURCES:

The *CanadianDriver* website featured an article evaluating the newly released 2008 Saab 9-7X (Yap).

Children may repeat behavior they observe at home (“Witnessing” par. 4).

CITING AN UNSIGNED WORK (listed by title)

It is important to avoid “importing twentieth-century sanctities” when studying this 900-year-old poem (Song of Roland 21).

The city of Calgary has made large tracts of land available for development (“Regional” 1).
45% of St-Lambert residents over 25 years old have a university education (“Statistical”).

CITING INDIRECT SOURCES

French anthropologist Claude Levi-Strauss refers to the world of the shaman and the scientist as “two parallel modes of acquiring knowledge about the universe” (qtd. in Knudtson and Suzuki 8-9).

CITING A GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT OR GROUP AUTHOR

An estimated 39.5% of the adult population in Canada in 1995 had completed some form of postsecondary education (Statistics Canada 15).

OR

Statistics Canada reported that 39.5% of the adult population in 1995 had completed some form of post- secondary education (15).

CITING AN INDENTED QUOTATION

The worldview of the Yarralin people of Australia is summed up in their words:

All that preceded us and all that comes after depend on us.
..... What we do matters so powerfully
that to evade our responsibilities is to call down chaos. (Knudtson and Suzuki 40)

[Note that the reference comes after the closing punctuation for indented quotation & that lines in the indented quote are also double-spaced.]

CITING AN ENTIRE WORK [no page numbers necessary.]

BOOKS:

In *Wisdom of the Elders*, Knudtson and Suzuki show parallels of the close kinship of native peoples around The world to their natural environment.

OR

Wisdom of the Elders shows parallels of the close kinship of native peoples around the world to their natural environment (Knudtson and Suzuki).

ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS:

Lever discusses the different types of games boys and girls play.

ELECTRONIC SOURCES: ■

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto maintains an informative webpage with many useful links to Canadian online sources (<www.camh.net>).

CITING CLASSICAL OR RELIGIOUS WORKS ■

Biblical quotation- version, book, chapter, verse(s): (*New Jerusalem Bible*, Ezek. 1.5-10)

Shakespeare work, title abbreviated, act, scene, line(s): (*Ham* 1.5.35-37)

USING FOOTNOTES OR ENDNOTES IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

A footnote or endnote can be used in addition to parenthetical references if you need to comment on a source or add additional information outside the text. Signal the note with a superscript numeral in the text. The footnote should be separated from the text by quadruple spacing and preceded by the same number.

¹ Subsequent research on the problem vindicated this pioneering approach. See the work of Brown, Gibbon and Taylor to be found on the CAMH website.