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If	Do this	Example
the works cited entry contains only one work by the author cited	write only the author's last name to identify the work	(Atwood 31-33)
the work cited list contains more than one author with the same last name	add the first initial	(R. Smith 64-68)
two or three names start the list work entry	provide the last name of each individual	(Brown, McCarthy, and Johnson vii)
the work has more than three authors in the list entry	provide the first author's last name followed by et al.	(Samson et al. 2568-73)

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the work has a corporate author	use its name – abbreviated or in full	(National Research Council 64)
a page reference from a multivolume is used	cite a volume number and page reference separated by a colon and a space	(Dominic 2: 23-31)
an entire volume of a multivolume work is used	place a comma after the author’s last name, use the abbreviation for volume and do not cite pages	(Dominic, vol. 2)
a listed work begins with a long title	shorten the title by writing the first important word in a title such as <i>Glossary of Terms Used in Literary Criticism</i>	(<i>Glossary</i> 78)
the work is a reference from a famous work with numbered sections	use arabic numerals to cite acts, scenes and verses and abbreviate the title of the work	(<i>Oth.</i> 1. 2. 5-8)

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you use the author's name in the text	omit the name from the parenthetical page citation	Smith has researched this topic (173-184).
you have not included the author's name in the text	begin the parenthetical page citation with the author's name	This claim has been researched (Smith 173-184).
you use two authors names in the text	omit the names from the parenthetical page citation, always placing the parenthetical reference before the punctuation that concludes the sentence, clause, or phrase containing the quoted material	Writers, like Jones and Thomas (63-68), support the opposite view.
a quotation is included in the sentence	place the parenthetical reference directly after the closing quotation marks	Black maintains that the collection "spotlights authors writing from the centre of their being" (xvi).
two or more quotations from the same author are included within a single paragraph	provide a single parenthetical reference after the last quotation	The poem is essentially Irish and its message is "the violence inherent in modern life". Kinsella's obsession with growth includes "artistic growth, psychic myth and a Jungian sense of the subconscious" (Harmon 24, 29).

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<p>a quotation extends for more than four lines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • start the quotation on a new line • indent one inch from the margin • double-space the quotation 	<p>Maryam, the protagonist in Crowther’s novel, <i>The Saffron Kitchen</i>, was filled with emotion as she saw Hassen in the open doorway:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Maryam could see his face before he saw her, his thick jacket worn over layers of jumpers and heavy trousers patched and baggy at the knees. She remembered the young man who had teased her in the fields all those years ago, the same fields where Ali had once seen fireflies as a boy, stars growing from the earth. (116)</p>

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a verse quotation extends for more than three lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• indent each line one inch from the margin• double-space• include the line numbers in the parenthetical reference	Pratt describes the creature as a machine in his work, "The Shark": His fin, Like a piece of sheet-iron, Three-cornered, And with knife-edge, Stirred not a bubble As it moved (3-8)