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## MLA Parenthetical Citation Information

Here are some examples of how you can incorporate parenthetical documentation in a text:

1. **Identify the author and page in parentheses. Prefer to use an author's name** (if available) for a citation because it is most convenient for a reader. Entries in the Works Cited are alphabetical, so complete information about a reference can be found most readily by locating the author.

**Example:** Furthermore, the ALA/OIF notes that 300 controversies may be reported in a give year, but speculates that ten times as many instances of uncontested removals may exist (Massie 79).

2. **Identify a source by title and page.** Although you may choose to use this format, doing so is generally less satisfactory than identification by author, for reasons noted directly above.

**Example:** The First Amendment to the Constitution, which banned author Kurt Vonnegut (Meese Commission Exposed 8) sardonically calls . . .

3. **Identify the author or title in the text and put the page number in parentheses.**

**Example:** According to Pell (118), the pressure to ban these works . . .

—Taken from Roth's The Research Paper