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If you cite the author's name in your paper, cite only the publication year in parentheses at the end of the sentence:

In *Silent Spring*, Carsen (1962) made an intelligent and passionate case for the immediate cessation of careless and pervasive pesticide use.

### Citing two authors

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Cite both authors' last names and the publication date every time you refer to the work in your paper. In parentheses, use an ampersand (&) to separate the authors’ names:

They believe that a key aspect of the growth of dance on the American cultural scene has been the expansion of dance education in varied forms (Kraus & Hilsendager, 1981).

### Citing three, four, or five authors

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Cite all the authors’ last names and the publication date the first time you refer to the work. If you refer the work again, cite the first author's last name followed by et al.


Oliver et al. argue that...

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*Silent Spring* was one of the first books to discuss dangers of pesticide use (Carsen, 1962).
Knight et al. (2002) found that college students have been exposed to alcohol before attending college.

In the research study, Knight et al. focused on interviewing undergraduate students.

Many in the liquor industry argue that the ban on television liquor advertising gives those in the beer and wine industry an unfair advantage ("Liquor Advertising," 2002).

"Time management is an important survival skill" (Brown, 2003, p. 6).

The water level in the Great Lakes has gone down in recent years (Assel, 2004, para. 5).

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