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Author named in a signal phrase	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (49).	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper (1961) refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (p. 49).	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence." ¹² Match number 12 to endnote 12 at the bottom of the page or in notes section 12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49.
Author not named in a signal phrase	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (Pepper 49).	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (Pepper, 1961, p. 49).	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence." ¹² 12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49.
Unknown Author * Use the first few phrases of the title of the work. If it is the title of an article, place the title of the article in quotes ("title of article")	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (<i>World Hypotheses</i> 49).	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence" (<i>World Hypotheses</i> , 1961, p. 49).	This phenomenon is best referred to as a "cumulative collaboration of evidence." ¹² 12. <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49
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More than one work by	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this	Philosopher Stephen C. Pepper refers to this phenomenon as a "cumulative collaboration

<p>the same author</p>	<p>phenomenon as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence,” which he hints toward in earlier work as well (World Hypotheses 49 and “Emergence” 241).</p>	<p>phenomenon as a “cumulative collaboration of evidence” (1961, p. 49), which he hints toward in earlier work as well (1926, p. 241).</p>	<p>of evidence,”¹² which he hints toward in earlier work as well.¹³</p> <p>12. Stephen C. Pepper, <i>World Hypotheses</i> (Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1961), 49.</p> <p>13. Stephen C. Pepper, “Emergence,” <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> 23, no. 9 (1926).</p>
<p>Two authors</p>	<p>Use “and” between authors’ names.</p> <p>Shirley K. Rose and Irwin Weiser note in <i>Going Public</i> the importance of redefining expectations for faculty work (3).</p>	<p>Note: Use “and” between authors’ names in the text and an ampersand in parentheses.</p> <p>Rose and Weiser (2010) note the importance of redefining expectations for faculty work (p. 3).</p> <p>Research has found the importance of redefining expectations for faculty work (Rose & Weiser, 2010, p. 3)</p>	<p>Use “and” between authors’ names.</p> <p>Shirley K. Rose and Irwin Weiser note in <i>Going Public</i> the importance of redefining expectations for faculty work.⁶</p> <p>6. Shirley K. Rose and Irwin Weiser, <i>Going Public</i> (Logan, UT: Utah State University Press, 2010), 3.</p>
<p>Many authors</p>	<p>In MLA, use the first author’s name plus “et al.” for three or more authors.</p> <p>Some studies that focus specifically on undergraduate perspectives of academic writing found a variety of approaches (Anderson et al. 11).</p>	<p>For three to five authors, list every author the first time you make the reference. Use “and” before the final author in the text and an ampersand in parentheses.</p> <p>In 1990, Anderson, Best, Black, Hurst, Miller, and Miller produced a study that focused specifically on undergraduate perspectives of academic writing, and they found a variety of approaches in place (p. 11).</p> <p>Subsequent citations should use only the first author’s name, followed by et al.</p> <p>In 1990, Anderson et al. produced a study...</p> <p>For six or more authors, use the first author’s</p>	<p>In Chicago, include each author’s name if there are three authors. If there are four or more, use the first author’s name plus “et al.”</p> <p>Some studies that focus specifically on undergraduate perspectives of academic writing found a variety of approaches.²</p> <p>2. Worth Anderson et al., “Cross-Curricular Underlife: A Collaborative Report on Ways with Academic Words,” <i>College Composition and Communication</i> 41, no. 1 (1990)</p>

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Corporate Author	The American Psychological Association’s study demonstrated the significant role of prayer as a coping mechanism for health (67).	According to the American Psychological Association (2000),...	This study demonstrated the significant role of prayer as a coping mechanism for health. ⁹ 9. American Psychological Association, “National Trends in Prayer Use as a Coping Mechanism for Health Concerns: Changes from 2002 to 2007,” <i>Psychology of Religion and Spirituality</i> (2000).
Podcast/ Youtube	Use video author/podcast name and given title. Include the range of hours, minutes, and seconds you plan to reference, like so (00:02:15-00:02:35)	Use video/podcast author name, if known, title, and posting date. Include the range of hours, minutes, and seconds you plan to reference, like so (00:02:15-00:02:35)	Include in notes as a document from a website. 31. David Kestenbaum, “A Big Bridge in the Wrong Place,” in Planet Money Podcast, produced by National Public Radio, http://www.npr.org/blogs/money .
Government Publication	According to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Emerald Ash Borer invasion in Pennsylvania has led to dozens of county quarantines in recent years.	The Emerald Ash Borer invasion in Pennsylvania has led to dozens of county quarantines in recent years (Pennsylvania DCNR, 2011).	According to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources . . . etc. ²⁷ 27. Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, “Bureau of Forestry Publications: Coleoptera: Buprestidae: <i>Agrilus planipennis</i> Fairmaire,” (2011).
Website	Karl Stolley and Allen Brizee write in the Online Writing Lab at Purdue University, “Research-based writing in American institutions, both educational and corporate, is filled with rules that writers, particularly beginners, aren't aware of or don't know how to follow” (“Avoiding Plagiarism”).	Karl Stolley and Allen Brizee (2011) write in the Online Writing Lab at Purdue University, “Research-based writing in American institutions, both educational and corporate, is filled with rules that writers, particularly beginners, aren't aware of or don't know how to follow.”	Karl Stolley and Allen Brizee note, “Research-based writing in American institutions, both educational and corporate, is filled with rules that writers, particularly beginners, aren't aware of or don't know how to follow.” ²³ 23. Karl Stolley and Allen Brizee, “Avoiding Plagiarism,” The Purdue OWL, Online Writing Lab, Purdue University, last edited October 10, 2014, http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/