

MLA—Citing Plays, Shakespeare

Examples of effective incorporation and parenthetical citation:

One Shakespearean protagonist seems resolute at first when he asserts, “Haste me to know’n’t, that I, with wings as swift / As meditation . . . / May sweep to my revenge” (*Ham.* 1.5.35-37), but he soon has second thoughts; another tragic figure, initially described as “too full o’ th’ milk of human kindness” (*Mac.* 1.5.17), quickly descends into horrific slaughter.

<i>Ado</i>	<i>Much Ado about Nothing</i>	<i>MM</i>	<i>Measure for Measure</i>
<i>Ant.</i>	<i>Anthony and Cleopatra</i>	<i>MND</i>	<i>A Midsummer’s Night Dream</i>
<i>AWW</i>	<i>All’s Well That Ends Well</i>	<i>MV</i>	<i>The Merchant of Venice</i>
<i>AYL</i>	<i>As You Like It</i>	<i>Oth.</i>	<i>Othello</i>
<i>Cor.</i>	<i>Coriolanus</i>	<i>Per.</i>	<i>Pericles</i>
<i>Cym.</i>	<i>Cymbeline</i>	<i>PhT</i>	<i>The Pheonix and the Turtle</i>
<i>Err.</i>	<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	<i>PP</i>	<i>The Passionate Pilgrim</i>
<i>F1</i>	First Folio Edition (1623)	<i>Q</i>	Quarto Edition
<i>F2</i>	Second Folio Edition (1632)	<i>R2</i>	<i>Richard II</i>
<i>Ham.</i>	<i>Hamlet</i>	<i>R3</i>	<i>Richard III</i>
<i>1H4</i>	<i>Henry IV, Part 1</i>	<i>Rom.</i>	<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>
<i>2H4</i>	<i>Henry IV, Part 2</i>	<i>Shr.</i>	<i>The Taming of the Shrew</i>
<i>H5</i>	<i>Henry V</i>	<i>Son.</i>	<i>Sonnets</i>
<i>1H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 1</i>	<i>TGV</i>	<i>The Two Gentleman of Verona</i>
<i>2H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 2</i>	<i>Tim.</i>	<i>Timon of Athens</i>
<i>3H6</i>	<i>Henry VI, Part 3</i>	<i>Tit.</i>	<i>Titus Andronicus</i>
<i>H8</i>	<i>Henry VIII</i>	<i>Tmp.</i>	<i>The Tempest</i>
<i>JC</i>	<i>Julius Caesar</i>	<i>TN</i>	<i>Twelfth Night</i>
<i>Jn.</i>	<i>King John</i>	<i>TNK</i>	<i>The Two Noble Kinsmen</i>
<i>LC</i>	<i>A Lover’s Complaint</i>	<i>Tro.</i>	<i>Troilus and Cressida</i>
<i>LLL</i>	<i>Love’s Labour’s Lost</i>	<i>Ven.</i>	<i>Venus and Adonis</i>
<i>Lr.</i>	<i>King Lear</i>	<i>Wiv.</i>	<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>
<i>Luc.</i>	<i>The Rape of Lucrece</i>	<i>WT</i>	<i>The Winter’s Tale</i>
<i>Mac.</i>	<i>Macbeth</i>		