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List names in order of appearance on the source, and put an ampersand (&) before the final name.

Walvoord, B. E., Hunt, L. L., Dowling, H. F., Jr., & McMahon, J. D. (1997). *In the long run: A study of faculty in three writing-across-the-curriculum programs*. Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English.

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First six authors as described above, then ellipses (. . .) and the last author's name.

Kane, E., Sullivan, L., Eilenberger, H., Swan, K., McSherry, K., Champagne, E., . . . Budnick, K. (2015). *The CCSU Writing Center's grammar rules and cupcake cookbook*. New Britain, CT: CCSU.

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Names and initials of authors. (Year). Title of article. *Journal Title, volume*(issue), page range.

Parton, N. (2014). Social work, child protection, and politics: Some critical and constructive reflections. *British Journal of Social Work*, *44*(7), 2042-2056.

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Moreno, S., & Lee, Y. (2015). Short-term second language and music training induces lasting functional brain changes in early childhood. *Child Development*, *86*(2), 394–406. http://doi.org/10.1111/cdev.12297

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Names and initials of authors. (Year, Month Day). *Title of page.* Retrieved from <url>.

American Psychological Association. (2017). *How to choose a psychologist.* Retrieved from http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/choose-therapist.aspx

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Monet, Claude. (1901). *Vétheuil* [Oil on canvas]. The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL.