Chicago Style Citations  
(Author-Date Style)

This guide provides basic guidelines and examples for citing sources using The Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition. Chicago style includes two options for citing sources. This guide covers the author-date style for writers who use parenthetical references as a means of giving attribution to sources. Guidelines for creating parenthetical references are included at the end of this guide.

Citations for Electronic Sources: URLs are required for online sources. If a DOI (digital object identifier) number is available, this should be inserted in the place of the URL preceded by “doi:”

Books

| Book: One Author | Format:  
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher. |
| Sample Citation:  

| Book: Two or More Authors | Format:  
Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year of Pub. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher. |
| [Note: If a book is credited to 4 to 10 authors, include all authors in the bibliographic citation. In the parenthetical citation, include the first author’s name followed by “et al.” If more than 10 authors are cited, include the first 7 authors in the bibliographic citation followed by “et al.”]  
Sample Citation:  

| Electronic Book | Format:  
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. Title. Location of Publisher: Publisher. URL. |
| Sample Citation:  
| **Chapter in a Book** | Format:  
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title of Chapter/Article.” In *Title*, edited by First Last, inclusive page numbers. Location of Publisher: Publisher, Year.  
Sample Citation:  
| **Translated Book** | Format:  
Original Author Last, First. Year of Publication. *Title*. Translated by First Name Last. Location of Publisher: Publisher.  
Sample Citation:  
| **Specialized Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, & Multi-Volume Works** | [Note: The Chicago style suggests that only specialized encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other reference works be included in the list of References.]  
Format:  
Author Last Name, First. Year of Publication. *Title of Book.*  
Ed. First Name Last of editor if necessary. Edition information if available. Location of Publisher: Publisher.  
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**Journals**

| **Journal Article: Print** | Format:  
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume # (issue #): inclusive page numbers.  
[Note: Day, month or season of publication are rarely included if an issue number is present.]  
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Sample Citation:  
Journal Article: From a Full-Text Database


**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume # (issue #): inclusive page numbers if available. URL or doi number.

**Sample Citation:**

**Note on page numbers:** If online articles do not include page numbers, leave this space blank in the citation. See the sample. **Note on dates:** If a season is provided instead of a publication date, include the season in place of the Month and Day. See sample.

Sample Citation:

**Magazines**

Magazine Article: Print

Format:

Sample Citation:

**Note:** Chicago Notes style does not require page numbers for a magazine article, although these may be included. Page numbers should be included in parenthetical citations.

Magazine Article: Two Authors

Format:
Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Magazine Name*, Month Day.

Sample Citation:

Magazine Article: from a Full-Text Database

Format:
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Magazine Name*, Month Day. URL or doi.

Sample Citation:
### Magazine Article: Online

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title." *Magazine Name*, Month Day. URL.

**Sample Citation:**

### Newspapers

Articles from daily newspapers are rarely cited in Chicago style; however, these sources may be referenced within the text. If articles from daily newspapers must be cited in the bibliography, writers should use the following forms.

#### Newspaper Article: Print

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title.” *Newspaper Name*, Month Day of Publication.

**Note:** Chicago Notes style does not require page numbers for a newspaper article, although these may be included. Page numbers should be included in parenthetical citations.

**Sample Citation:**

#### Newspaper Article: from a Full-Text Database

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title.” *Newspaper Name*, Month Day of Pub. URL.

**Sample Citation:**

#### Newspaper Article: Online

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title.” *Newspaper Name*, Month Day of Publication. URL.

**Sample Citation:**
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Parenthetical References

The Chicago Author-Date style requires the use of parenthetical references in the text of the essay as well as a list of citations on a “References” page at the end of a text. Parenthetical references should be placed at the end of the sentence, before the period, when a resource has been used. If the sentence is either long enough or complex enough so that the cited portion of the sentence is not obvious, the parenthetical reference may instead be inserted immediately after the use of information from the source. Page numbers should be included whenever possible.

General Form: (Author Last Name Year of Publication, Page #)

Example: (Smith 1992, 142)

The following examples illustrate parenthetical reference formats for works with more than one author.

(Smith and Johnson 1998, 14)

(Smith, Johnson, and White 2001, 42)

(Smith et al. 1998, 203)

(National Alliance for Social Consideration 1932, 11)

When organizations or corporate authors are the author of a text, the name of the organization may be shortened to its most basic title. Abbreviations for the organization are not encouraged.

In the Chicago style, daily newspapers are rarely included in a list of References. Instead, attribution may be given to information from a daily newspaper in a parenthetical reference.

General Form: (Newspaper Name, Day Month Year of Publication, Section and Page #)

Examples: (San Antonio Express-News, 2 June 2005, B2)

(New York Times, 2 June 2005, A2)

(Durant Daily Democrat, 2 June 2005, 3)

The Chicago style guide does not offer examples for creating parenthetical references when there is no given author. Standard practice has been to include the title of the work in place of the author. The title should be formatted in the same manner as the formatting in the References list entry.

(Plagiarism and You 2002, 142)

("Five Ways to Protect Yourself" 2000, 33)

Electronic sources commonly lack a date of publication, as do other sources. When there is no date of publication listed for a source, include the abbreviation "n.d." in place of the date.

(Statistics for Water Rights n.d.)

For further information on citing sources using the Chicago style, see pages 796-810 in The Chicago Manual of Style, 16th ed.