# Chicago Style Citations

**(Author-Date Style)**

This guide provides basic guidelines and examples for citing sources using The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th 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 on the final page.

## 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.

**Sample Citation:**


**Note:** If a book is credited to 4 or more authors, include all authors in the bibliographic citation. In the parenthetical citation, include the first author’s name only followed by “et al.”

### 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.

**Sample Citation:**

| **Translated Book** | **Format:**
Original Author Last, First. Year of Publication. *Title*. Translated by First Name Last. Location of Publisher: Publisher.

**Sample Citation:**

### Journals

| **Journal Article:** | **Print**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume # (issue #): inclusive page numbers.

**Sample Citation:**

| **Journal Article:** | **Two or More Authors**
Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume # (no. issue #): inclusive page numbers.

[**Note:** See the note under “Books: Two or More Authors” for more information for formatting the names of multiple authors.]

**Sample Citation:**


| **Journal Article:** | **From a Full-Text Database**
Author Last, First. Year of Pub. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume # (issue #): inclusive page numbers if available. URL or doi number.

**Sample Citation:**
### Journal Article: Online

**Format:**
Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title.” *Journal Name* volume #, no. issue # (Month Day of Pub): inclusive page numbers. URL.

**[Note on page numbers:** If online articles do not include page numbers, leave this space blank in the citation. See the sample.]

**Sample Citation:**

### Magazines

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**[Note:** Chicago Notes style does not require page numbers for a magazine article. Page numbers should be included in parenthetical citations.]

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

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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. 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 different types of authors:

(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 author-date style, see pages 891-921 in The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed.