

Chicago Style Citations (Author-Date Style)

This guide provides basic guidelines and examples for citing sources using The Chicago Manual of Style, 18th edition. Chicago style includes two options for citing sources:

Notes–Bibliography (often used in humanities fields), featuring footnotes or endnotes plus a bibliography.

Author–Date (commonly used in the social sciences), featuring in-text parenthetical citations plus a reference list.

This particular 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.

AI- Artificial Intelligence

AI Content (e.g., ChatGPT)

Authors who rely on content generated by a chatbot or similar AI tool must clearly indicate how the tool was used—either in the body of the text, in a note, or in a preface. Any quoted or paraphrased material from an AI tool should be cited at the point of use. Like personal communication (CMOS 14.111) and social media posts (14.106), AI conversations are usually not included in a bibliography unless a publicly accessible version is available.

Cited in text (narrative example):

The following analysis of narrative voice in *Crime and Punishment* was generated on March 28, 2025, by ChatGPT-4.

Cited in a note:

Text generated by ChatGPT-4, OpenAI, March 28, 2025,
<https://chat.openai.com/share/example-url>.

With prompt (edited for clarity):

Response to “Explain how to write like Dostoyevsky,” ChatGPT-4, OpenAI, March 28, 2025, edited for length and clarity.

Bibliography (only if publicly accessible):

OpenAI. Response to “Explain how to write like Dostoyevsky.” *ChatGPT-4*, March 28, 2025. <https://chat.openai.com/share/example-url>.

Books

Books with One Author	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. <i>Title</i>. Publisher.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Welch, Kathleen E. 1999. <i>Electric Rhetoric: Classical Rhetoric, Oralism, and a New Literacy</i>. MIT Press.</p>
Books with Two or More Authors	<p>Format: Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year of Publication. <i>Title</i>. Publisher.</p> <p>[Note: For works with up to six authors, list all names in the reference list. For seven or more, list the first three, followed by “et al.” In parenthetical citations, use “et al.” for works with more than two authors.]</p> <p>Sample Citation: Lunsford, Andrea, and Lisa Ede. 1990. <i>Singular Texts/Plural Authors: Perspectives on Collaborative Writing</i>. Southern Illinois University Press.</p> <p>Sample Citation for Three Authors:</p> <p>Patten, Michael A., Guy McCaskie, and Philip Unitt. 2003. <i>Birds of the Salton Sea: Status, Biogeography, and Ecology</i>. University of California Press.</p>
Online Books	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. <i>Title</i>. Publisher. DOI or URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Welch, Kathleen E. 1999. <i>Electric Rhetoric: Classical Rhetoric, Oralism, and a New Literacy</i>. MIT Press. https://doi.org/xxxx.</p>
Chapters in Books	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. “Title of Chapter/Article.” In <i>Title</i>, edited by First Last, page numbers (optional). Publisher.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Wells, Ida B. 1995. “Lynch Law in All its Phases.” In <i>With Pen and Voice: A Critical Anthology of Nineteenth-Century African-American Women</i>, edited by Shirley Wilson Logan. Southern Illinois University Press.</p>

Translated Books

Format:

Original Author Last, First. Year of Publication. *Title*. Translated by First Name Last. Publisher.

Sample Citation:

Eisenstein, Sergei. 1968. *Film Sense*. Translated by Jay Leyda. Faber and Faber.

Journals

Journal Articles in Print

Format:

Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." *Journal Name* volume number (issue number): page range.

Sample Citation:

Haraway, Donna J. 1994. "A Game of Cat's Cradle: Science Studies, Feminist Theory, Cultural Studies." *Configurations* 2 (1): 59–71.

Journal Articles with Two or More Authors

Format:

Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." *Journal Name* volume number (issue number): page range.

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

Sample Citation:

Gautreau, Ronald, and Jeffrey M. Cohen. 1997. "Birth and Death of a Black Hole." *American Journal of Physics* 65 (3): 444–46.

Pridmore, William, Mitchell Chamlin, and Adam Trahan. 2008. "A Test of Competing Hypotheses about Homicide Following Terrorist Attacks: An Interrupted Time Series Analysis of September 11 and Oklahoma City." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 24 (4): 381–96.

Journal Articles from a Full-Text Database

Format:

Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title." *Journal Name* volume (issue): page range. DOI or URL.

Sample Citation:

Ferrell, Robert H. 1990. "Truman's Place in History." *Reviews in American History* 18 (1): 115–28. <https://doi.org/xxxx>.

Journal Articles Online

Format:

Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title of Article." *Journal Name* volume number, no. issue number (Month Day): page range. URL.

[Note: If an online journal article does not include page numbers, omit them from the citation. See the sample below.]

Sample Citation:

Jobe, Karen D. 2000. "Women and the Language of Hackerdom: The Gendered Nature of Hacker Jargon." *Kairos* 5, no. 2.
<http://english.ttu.edu/kairos/5.2/binder.html?coverbweb/jobewomen&hackerdom.htm>.

Magazines

Magazine Articles in Print

Format:

Author Last, First. Year. "Title of Article." *Magazine Name*, Month Day.

[Note: Magazine articles **do not require page numbers** in Chicago Author-Date style, and full publication dates are used (Month Day).]

Sample Citation:

Swartz, Mimi. 2002. "An Enron Yard Sale." *New Yorker*, May 6.

Magazine Articles with Two Authors

Format:

Author Last, First, and Author First Last. Year. "Title of Article."
Magazine Name, Month Day.

Sample Citation:

Packer, George, and Susan Orlean. 2010. "The New Face of Reporting." *The Atlantic*, October 12.

Magazine Articles from a Full-Text Database

Format:

Author Last, First. Year. "Title of Article." *Magazine Name*, Month Day. URL or DOI.

Sample Citation (Option A – With Working URL):

Swartz, Mimi. 2002. "An Enron Yard Sale." *New Yorker*, May 6.
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2002/05/06/an-enron-yard-sale>.

Sample Citation (Option B – From Full-Text Database Without Stable URL):

Swartz, Mimi. 2002. "An Enron Yard Sale." *New Yorker*, May 6. Accessed via EBSCOhost.

**Magazine
Articles
Online**

Format:

Author Last, First. Year. "Title of Article." *Magazine Name*, Month Day.
URL.

Sample Citation:

Leonard, Andrew. 2005. "Embracing the Dark Side of the Brand." *Salon*, May 18. www.salon.com/mwt/feature/2005/05/18/star_wars_lego/index.np.html.

Newspapers

**Newspaper
Articles in
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. Page numbers should be included in parenthetical citations.]

Sample Citation:

Lewin, Tamar. 2003. "Disability Requests Reflect Changes in SAT
Procedure." *The New York Times*, November 8.

**Newspaper
Articles from a
Full-Text
Database**

Format:

Author Last, First. Year. "Title of Article." *Newspaper Name*,
Month Day. URL or name of database (optional).

Sample Citation (Option A – Stable URL Available):

Flores, Matt. 2001. "San Antonio, Texas-Area Business Students Manage Real
Portfolio." *San Antonio Express-News*, December 18.
<https://example.com/article/stablelink>.

Sample Citation (Option B – No Stable URL):

Flores, Matt. 2001. "San Antonio, Texas-Area Business Students Manage Real
Portfolio." *San Antonio Express-News*, December 18. Accessed via
EBSCOhost.

**Newspaper
Articles
Online**

Format:

Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title of Article."
Newspaper Name, Month Day. URL.

Sample Citation:

Mapes, Lynda V. 2005. "Unearthing Tse-whit-zen." *Seattle Times*, May 25.
<http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/news/local/klallam/index.html>.

Electronic Sources

Multi-Page Internet Sites (Entire Website)	<p>Format: Author Last, First (or Corporate Author). Year of Publication. Title of Site. Last modified or Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Weissmann, Anne. 2006. <i>Ernest Haeckel: Art Forms in Nature</i>. Accessed January 14, 2007. http://www.mblwhoilibrary.org/haeckel/index.html.</p>
Multi-Page Internet Sites (Single Page on Website)	<p>Format: Author Last, First. Year of Publication. "Title of Page." <i>Site Name</i>. Last modified or Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Sun, Yee-Fan. 2005. "Shacking Up." <i>Digs Magazine</i>. Accessed March 2, 2005. http://www.digsmagazine.com/lounge/lounge_shackingup.htm.</p>
Multi-Page Internet Sites (Corporate or Organizational Author)	<p>Format: Corporate Author. Year of Publication. <i>Title of Site</i>. Last modified or Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Miller Center of Public Affairs. 2005. <i>American President</i>. Last modified 2010. http://www.americanpresident.com.</p>

Authoring Organization

Corporate Author	<p>Format: Corporate Author. Year of Publication. <i>Title of Site</i>. Last modified or Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.</p> <p>Sample Citation: Miller Center of Public Affairs. 2005. <i>American President</i>. Last modified 2010. http://www.americanpresident.com.</p>
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Parenthetical References

Parenthetical references should be placed at the end of the sentence, before the period. If the citation applies only to part of the sentence, it may be placed directly after that portion.

AI Content

AI tools like ChatGPT are typically not cited in parentheses because they don't have a traditional author or page number. Instead, cite them in the text or in a note at the point of use.

However, if needed for clarity:

Example (for reference only):

(*ChatGPT-4, OpenAI 2025*)

[Note: Include the date the content was generated, and only use a parenthetical citation if your instructor or publisher allows it.

General Form:

(Author Last Name Year, Page Number)

Examples:

(Smith 1992, 142)

(Smith and Johnson 1998, 14)

(Smith et al. 1998, 203)

(National Alliance for Social Consideration 1932, 11)

For in-text citations, list up to **two authors** (e.g., *Smith and Johnson 1998*). If a work has **three or more authors**, list only the first author's last name followed by **et al.** (e.g., *Smith et al. 1998*). This simplifies citations and aligns with the notes-bibliography system.

Corporate and Anonymous Authors (Chicago 18th Edition)

When organizations or corporate bodies are listed as authors, use the full name of the organization in the citation. You may shorten the name to its most basic form in subsequent references, but abbreviations are discouraged.

Newspapers and Anonymous Works

In the Chicago author-date style, daily newspapers are rarely included in the reference list. Instead, information may be cited in a parenthetical reference.

General Format:

(Newspaper Name, Day Month, Section and Page Number)

Examples:

(San Antonio Express-News, 2 June, B2)

(New York Times, 2 June, A2)

(Durant Daily Democrat, 2 June, 3)

When a source has no listed author, use the title of the work in place of the author's name in the citation. Format the title the same way it would appear in the reference list (italicized or in quotation marks as appropriate).

Examples:

(*Plagiarism and You* 2002, 142)

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

Sources Without a Date

If no publication date is available, use "n.d." in place of the year.

Example:

("Statistics for Water Rights" n.d.)

For more information on citing sources using the Chicago author-date style, see chapters 14 and 15 of *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 18th edition.