

Citing Sources

This handout shows how to correctly cite sources using the author-date system of *Chicago Manual of Style* documentation. Parenthetical references in the text point to a “References” list with the full citation for the source.

For more examples and explanation, see also:

- Chicago Manual “quickguide” <http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>
- Chicago Manual of Style, 15th ed., available behind the reference desk and on reserve.

In Text References

Include the author last name and year, and page number for quotations. Most paraphrases do not include a page number. Many online sources do not have page numbers to cite.

In her article on the quality of balloons, Christy Gonzales (2003) discusses her practical theory, stating “balloon . . . cannot defy the laws of nature” (347). It is very different from another perspective, which connects balloons with wisdom of the Gods (Held and Poole 2005). However, still other scholars disagree: “The Air Force has buried the issue, but die-hard conspiracy theorists keep digging it up” (Held et al. 2003, 347).

References

Gonzales, C. 2003. Trajectory theory: Lighter-than-air vehicles revisited. *Mathematics Quarterly* 7:340-349.

Held, T., and D. Poole. 2005. *The rise of the balloon along the Rio Grande*. 4th ed. Turlock, CA: CSU Stanislaus Press.

Held, T., J. Tankard, S. Beery, and T. Guinness. 2003. The aliens that wouldn’t die. *Nature* 47 (4): 40-58.

Examples for Books

Use Last names and initials. Alphabetize the list by the [first] author’s last name. List all authors up to three. If more than three authors, list the first author followed by “et al.”
If no author, begin with the title.

Carr, A. 1996. Religion and Feminism. In *Religion, feminism, and the family*, ed. M. S. Van Leeuwen, 334-360. Louisville, KY: Westminster Press.

Carr, A. ed. 1999. *Georgia: Art and civilization through the ages*. London: Philip Wilson.

Johnson, K, and S. Coates. 1999. *Nabokov's blues: The scientific odyssey of a literary genius*. 3rd ed. Cambridge, MA: Zoland Books.

World Health Organization. 1993. *WHO editorial style manual*. Geneva: World Health Organization.

Examples for Journal, magazine, and newspaper articles

- Popular magazines use month (sometimes day) and year instead of volume and issue number.
- For newspapers, exclude page number, because this differs for different editions.

Kitcher, P. 1999. Essence and perfection. *Ethics* 110 (1): 346-370.

Lacey, J. 2000. The new German style, *Horticulture* (March): 73-82.

Westchester approves measure on gun safety. 2000. *New York Times*, June 8.

Examples for Articles from library databases

- **pdf** format includes page numbers, while **html** format does not.
- Include the entry level URL of the licensed database at the end of the citation.
- Chicago style does not require you to provide the date accessed.

Mitchell, A. and F. Bruni. 2001. Scars still raw, Bush clashes with McCain. *New York Times*, March 25. <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/>.

Thomas, T. M. 1956. Wales: Land of mines and quarries. *Geographical Review* 46 (1): 75-90. <http://www.jstor.org/>.

Examples for Web sites

- **pdf** format includes page numbers, while **html** format does not.
- Give the full web address, and include a period at the end of the entry.
- If no author is listed, the sponsoring organization may take its place.
- Chicago Style does not require the date that the site was updated, or the date accessed.

Testa, B., and L. B. Kier. 2000. Emergence and dissolution in complex systems. *Entropy* 2(1): 56-78. <http://www.mdpi.org/entropy/papers/e201001.pdf> (accessed January 7, 2001).

Reaves, W. 2001. A weighty issue: Ever-fatter kids. *Time*, March 14. <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0885.html>.

Pete Townsend's official Web site. Biography. <http://www.petetownsend.uk/pete.html>.