



CHICAGO STYLE – AUTHOR/DATE: WHAT IS IT?

The Chicago Manual of Style or “Chicago Style” refers to the publication style of the University of Chicago Press, which started in 1891. This documentation and layout style for authors, editors, designers, and publishers evolved over the century and the most recent **18th edition** addresses the needs of digital publication and manuscripts. There are two systems of Chicago Style documentation:

- The **Notes and Bibliography** system requires the use of footnotes and a bibliography.
- The **Author-Date** system looks more like APA style with parenthetical citations and a reference list.

Below are examples of the same source formatted according to the Notes and Bibliography and Author-Date systems. Notice that bibliography and reference lists look very similar but are not exactly alike. In the Author-Date reference list, the year appears right after the author.

Notes and Bibliography System

Footnote: use your word processor’s built-in footnote function; indented; no comma after title

1. Mae M. Ngai, *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (Princeton University Press, 2004), 2.

Bibliography: format with hanging indentation

Ngai, Mae M. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton University Press, 2004.

Author-Date System

Parenthetical Citation: no comma between author and date; no “p.” for pages

(Ngai 2004, 2)

References: format with hanging indentation

Ngai, Mae M. 2004. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton University Press.

CHICAGO STYLE: GENERAL FORMAT FOR AUTHOR-DATE SYSTEM

This handout provides examples for the Author-Date system. For more examples, visit https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide/.

Book and Edited Book

Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. "If Applicable Provide Title of Essay(s) in Book Chapter: Capitalize Proper Nouns." In *Italicized Title of Longer Works or Resources Such as Book Title*, edited by First Name Last Name. Publisher.

Author of a book:

Carnes, Jim. 1999. *Us and Them: A History of Intolerance in America*. Oxford University Press.

(Carnes 1999, 62)

Editors of a book:

Lee, Wing O., David L. Grossman, Kerry J. Kennedy, and Gregory P. Fairbrother, eds. 2004. *Citizenship Education in Asia and the Pacific: Concepts and Issues*. Springer Dordrecht. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4020-7935-1>.

(Lee et al. 2004, 3)

Chapter in an edited book:

Parmenter, Lynne. 2004. "A Solid Foundation: Citizenship Education in Japan." In *Citizenship Education in Asia and the Pacific: Concepts and Issues*, edited by W. O. Lee, David L. Grossman, Kerry J. Kennedy, and Gregory P. Fairbrother. Springer Dordrecht. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4020-7935-1_6.

(Parmenter 2004, 90)

NOTICE: When you have up to six authors, write out the name of all authors in the reference list. If you have more than six, write out only the first three authors, followed by "et al." For in-text citations, list only the first author followed by "et al." **New for the 18th Edition:** Page ranges for chapters in a book is no longer required.

Article in Print Journal or Online Journal

Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. "Title of Article." *Italicized Title of Journal* Volume number (Issue number): Page range. <https://doi.org/xxxx>.

NOTICE: If there is no volume number provided, then write the issue as "no. #". If a journal does not have a volume number and/or issue number, you may want to include the month or season in parentheses before the page range. See below. There is a space between volume number and issue number.

Journal with volume and issue numbers:

Bergesen, Albert and Max Herman. 1998. "Immigration, Race, and Riot: The 1992 Los Angeles Uprising." *American Sociological Review* 63 (1): 39–54. <https://doi.org/10.2307/2657476>.

(Bergesen and Herman 1998, 40)

Journal with issue number, no volume number:

Kim, Dahye. 2025. "Korean Writing in the Age of Multilingual Word Processing: A History of the Non-Linear Alphabet." *Grey Room*, no. 99 (Spring): 6–45. https://doi.org/10.1162/grey_a_00423.

(Kim 2025, 11)

Journal with volume number, no issue number:

Pecková, Kateřina. 2024. "Roles of Siblings in Folktales." *American & British Studies Annual* 17 (January): 132–49. <https://doi.org/10.46585/absa.2024.17.2582>.

(Pecková 2024, 146)

Article in Newspaper or Magazine

Last Name, First Name. Year of Publication. "Title of Article." *Italicized Title of Newspaper or Magazine*, Month Day. <https://xxxx>.

Smith, Doug. 2025. "L.A. Has Enough Rental Subsidies to End Veteran Homelessness. Why Aren't They Being Used?" *Los Angeles Times*, August 22. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-08-29/la-has-enough-rental-subsidies-to-end-veteran-homelessness-why-arent-they-used>.

(Smith 2025)

Other Resources: Website

Website Owner or Sponsor. Year of Publication. "Title or Description of Web Page Being Cited." Title or Description of Site if it Differs from Website Owner or Sponsor. Effective/last modified/accessed Month Day, Year. <https://xxxx>.

NOTICE: Websites can usually just be cited in the running text. If a reference list entry is necessary, provide as much of the above information as possible.

SoCal WCA (Writing Centers Association). 2014. "Constitution and Bylaws." Last revised May 1, 2025. <https://sites.google.com/ucsb.edu/socalwca/about-us/constitution-and-bylaws>.

(SoCal WCA 2014)

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration). n.d. "Juno." Last modified September 3, 2025. http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/juno/main/index.html.

(NASA, n.d.)

Other Resources: Artwork and Illustrations

Last Name, First Name. Date of Creation/Completion. *Italicized Title of Artwork* or Description. Medium, Dimensions if Applicable. Location of Artwork. <https://xxxx>.

NOTICE: Information about paintings, photographs, sculptures, and other works of art is usually presented in the text. If a formal citation is needed, follow the models provided here.

Anago Master (Yoruba artist). ca. 1800-1900. Cap mask. Wood and pigment, 21.5 x 25.0 x 27.8 cm. National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C. Object no. 97-11-1. https://www.si.edu/object/cap-mask:nmafa_97-11-1.

Monet, Claude. 1906. *Water Lilies*. Oil on canvas, 89.9 × 94.1 cm. Art Institute of Chicago. Ref. no. 1933.1157. <https://www.artic.edu/artworks/16568/water-lilies>.

Other Resources: Video or Podcast

Video:

Rossman, Martin. 2010. "Coping with Stress: Imaginative Solutions for Stress Relief." University of California Television. YouTube, October 15, 2010. 1 hr., 28 min., 30 sec. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOQKMd5QJl>.

(Rossman 2010)

Podcast:

Ward, Alie, host. 2025. *Ologies*. Podcast. Episode 447, "Artificial Intelligence Ethicology (WILL A.I. CRASH OUT?) with Dr. Abeba Birhane." Apple Podcasts, May 8. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/artificial-intelligence-ethicology-will-a-i-crash/id1278815517?i=1000706770391>.

(Ward 2025)

Other Resources: AI Conversations, Personal Communications, and Social Media

NOTICE: Chatbot conversations, phone interviews, blog entries, email or text messages, and social media posts are rarely listed in the reference list. Instead, they are typically cited in the running text.

AI Conversation:

The following recipe for pizza dough was generated on December 9, 2023, by ChatGPT-3.5.

OpenAI. Response to "Explain how to make pizza dough from common household ingredients." ChatGPT-3.5, December 9, 2023. <https://chat.openai.com/share/90b8137d-ff1c-4c0c-b123-2868623c4ae2>.

Personal Communication (only cite in the text):

According to a phone interview with Professor Julia Ornelas-Higdon on September 5, 2016, . . .

(Ornelas-Higdon, phone interview with author, September 5, 2016)

Social Media:

Conan O'Brien joked on Twitter (now X), "In honor of Earth Day, I'm recycling my tweets" (@ConanOBrien, April 22, 2015, 11:10 a.m. DST).

(O'Brien 2015)

O'Brien, Conan (@ConanOBrien). 2015. "In honor of Earth Day, I'm recycling my tweets." Twitter, April 22, 11:10 a.m. DST. <https://twitter.com/ConanOBrien/status/590940792967016448>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WMC Citation Resources: <https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/student-citation.htm>

The Chicago Manual of Style Online: https://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html