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Chicago Style 17th Edition – Author-Date (in-text citation) Version

Commonly used in the social sciences, this version of Chicago style includes parenthetical citations with a reference list (note the term bibliography is not used). Sources are cited in the text, using parentheses surrounding the author’s last name, the publication date, and page number(s) as available. In the reference list, the year of publication immediately follows the author’s name. Examples in this guide will show how different resources are formatted both as in-text citations and reference list entries.

This guide has examples of the Author-Date System. *The Chicago Manual of Style* also has a Notes-Bibliography System that is intended for use in literature, history, and the arts. Though the two styles are very similar, there are important differences in how notes and bibliographies are formatted. Please view the Notes-Bibliography version document for examples in that style.

Formatting Checklist (Author-Date [in-text citation] Style)

- Each citation consists of two elements: a parenthetical (in-text) citation and a reference list entry.
- In-text citations include the author(s) last name, publication date, and applicable page numbers in parentheses.
- In-text citations have no punctuation between the author(s) name and date. Any added page numbers are separated with a comma following the date. Do not use the abbreviation “p.” before page numbers. If page numbers are not available, abbreviations such as “para.” (paragraph) or “chap.” (chapter) can be used.
- If citing two or more works in one parenthetical citation, separate them with a semicolon. E.g. (Hetherington and Rudolph 2015; Grove 2015).
- If citing from a multi-volume work, include the volume number with a colon before the page number. E.g. (García 1987, 2:345).
- In reference lists, entries are listed alphabetically by author last name, then first name. For multiple authors, only the first author’s name is inverted. The main elements are separated by periods. The publication date immediately follows the author(s) names.
- Where two or more works by different authors with the same last name are listed in a reference list, the in-text citation must include an initial (or two initials or a given name if necessary) to differentiate between them.
- If the author of the work is unknown, the reference list entry should begin with the title. In-text citations may use a short form of the title.
- If citing one or more works by the same author with the same publication date, use letters to distinguish entries, which are listed in alpha-numeric order in the reference list. In-text citations include the lettering. E.g. (Fogel 2004a, 218) or (Fogel 2004b, 145–46).
- In a reference list entry, when a date of publication includes the month and day, the year may be repeated. E.g. Gagnon, Lysiane. 2012. “The Protesters’ Fellow Travellers.” *Globe and Mail*, May 21, 2012.
- For further examples, please access [The Chicago Manual of Style citation quick guide](#) for the Author-Date system.

Books

One author

Reference List

Horn, Michiel. 2009. *York University: The Way Must be Tried*. Montreal, QC: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Text Citation: (Horn 2009, 271)

Two authors

Reference List

Coates, Colin M., and Geoffrey Ewen. 2012. *Introduction aux études canadiennes: Histoires, identités et cultures*. Ottawa, ON: Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa.

Text Citation: (Coates and Ewen 2012, 241-51)

Three or more authors

For books with three or more (and less than ten) authors, all names should be fully cited in the bibliography. For text citations: with more than three authors, only the name of the first author is used, followed by *et al.* (and others). Note that "et al." is not italicized in text citations. For works with more than ten authors, only the first seven need to be fully cited in the bibliography; the rest of the names can be replaced by the phrase "et al."

Reference List

Eisen, Mitchell L., Jodi A. Quas, and Gail S. Goodman, eds. 2002. *Memory and Suggestibility in the Forensic Interview*. Mahwa, NJ: L. Erlbaum Associates.

Text Citation: (Eisen et al. 2002, 42)

Corporate author

If a publication issued by an organization, association, or corporation carries no personal author's name on the title page, the organization is listed as author in a bibliography, even if it is also given as publisher.

Reference List

University of Chicago Press. 2017. *The Chicago Manual of Style*. 17th ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Text Citation: (University of Chicago Press 2017, 23)

Multiple editions

Reference List

Dickason, Olive Patricia. 2010. *A Concise History of Canada's First Nations*. With William Newbigging. 2nd. ed. Toronto, ON: Oxford University Press.

Text Citation: (Dickason 2010, 42)

Edited book

Reference List

Hird, Myra J., and George Pavlich, eds. 2012. *Questioning Sociology: Canadian Perspectives*. 2nd ed. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Text Citation: (Hird and Pavlich 2012, 179)

Book chapter

Reference List

Wong, Kin Ho. 2011. "A Gay Actor with Multiple Scripts: Impression Management Strategies to Comply with Traditional Chinese Family Norms." In *Skeletons in the Closet*, edited by Aysan Sev'er and Jan Trost, 121-38. Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier University Press.

Text Citation: (Wong 2011, 126)

E-book (downloaded)

Electronic formats don't always carry stable page numbers. In lieu of page numbers, you can include the chapter or section title. Sometimes a suitable URL based on a DOI may not be available. In this case, list the name of the commercial database, rather than the URL.

Reference List

Fallis, George. 2007. *Multiversities, Ideas and Democracy*. Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press. ProQuest Ebook Central.

Text Citation: (Fallis 2007, 29-30)

E-book (published with URL)

For citing the online book version, include a URL as the last component of the citation. URLs should be persistent and based on the item's DOI number where possible. To create a stable URL from a DOI number, use the prefix <https://doi-org.ezproxy.library.yorku.ca/> with the DOI number immediately following as shown in the example below.

Reference List

Antokoletz, Elliot. 2008. *Musical Symbolism in the Operas of Debussy and Bartok*. New York: Oxford University Press. <https://doi-org.ezproxy.library.yorku.ca/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195365825.001.0001>.

Text Citation: (Antokoletz 2008, chap. 2)

Articles

When citing articles, cite the specific page numbers you use in the text. Cite the full page range for the article in the reference list.

E-journal (from a database, with a DOI)

Include a URL based on a DOI. If there is no DOI, then use the form of the URL that is provided with the article.

Reference List

Heller, Monica. 2007. "Langues, communauté et identité : Le discours expert et la question du français au Canada." *Anthropologie et sociétés* 31, no. 1: 39-54. <https://doi.org/10.7202/015981ar>.

Text Citation: (Heller 2007, 42)

E-journal (from a database, with a URL/permalink)

Reference List

McDonald, Steve, Nan Lin, and Dan Ao. 2009. "Networks of Opportunity: Gender, Race, and Job Leads." *Social Problems* 56, no. 3: 385–402. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/sp.2009.56.3.385>.

Text Citation: (McDonald, Lin, and Ao 2009, 386).

Journal article, print

Reference List

Paul, Rodney Joseph, and Andrew Weinbach. 2011. "Determinants of Attendance in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League: Role of Winning, Scoring and Fighting." *Atlantic Economic Journal* 39, no. 3: 303-11.

Text Citation: (Paul and Weinbach 2011, 307)

Magazine article, print or online

For a magazine article consulted online, include a URL at the end of the citation. Specific page numbers may not be indicated for online articles but should be cited if available.

It is usually sufficient to cite newspaper and magazines articles entirely within the text. If a reference list entry is needed, repeat the year of publication with the month and day to avoid any confusion.

Reference List

Gladwell, Malcolm. 2011. "The Tweaker." *New Yorker*, November 14, 2011.

Text Citation: (Gladwell 2011, 35)

Newspaper article, print

Reference List

Gagnon, Lysiane. 2012. "The Protesters' Fellow Travellers." *Globe and Mail*, May 21, 2012.

Text Citation: (Gagnon 2012)

Newspaper article, online

Reference List

Brody, Jane E. 2007. "Mental Reserves Keep Brain Agile." *New York Times*, December 11, 2007. <http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/11/health/11brod.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>.

Text Citation: (Brody 2007)

Course Materials

Online lecture slides (eClass, Canvas, etc.)

Reference List

Sloniowski, Lisa. 2020. "Lecture 1. EN 1950: Beyond Google: Research Methods in English Studies." Slides from lecture at York University, Toronto, ON, January 11, 2020. eclass.yorku.ca/pluginfile.php/1811393/mod_page/content/18/EN%201902%20Week%201%202021.pptx

Text Citation: (Sloniowski 2020)

Course kits

The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed. does not provide instructions on how to cite course-related material. This is just one possible format to follow. We suggest that you check with your instructor.

Reference List

Vernon, Karina. 2020. *Black Civility: Black Grammars of Protest on the Canadian Prairies 1905-1950*. Course kit for HUMA 3315: Black Literatures and Cultures in Canada, compiled by Andrea Medovarski, York University Bookstore, Winter 2020: 131-144.

Text Citation: (Vernon 2020, 135-37)

Web Pages

Chicago requires an access date in citations of websites and other sources consulted online **only if no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source**. In those cases—that is, when only an access date is used—record n.d. as the date of publication in the reference list and in-text.

Entire website

Reference List

Canadian Observatory on Homelessness. n.d. The Homeless Hub. Accessed January 7, 2022. <https://homelesshub.ca/>.

Text Citation: (Canadian Observatory on Homelessness, n.d.)

Web page, authored

Place the title or specific page of a website in quotation marks.

Reference List

Sci.Fi.Brarian. 2016. "Representations of Libraries and Librarians in Popular Culture, Particularly Science Fiction and Fantasy." THE SCI-FI-BRARIAN Science fiction, information science, and other assorted geekery, 27 Feb. 2016. <https://scifibrarian.com/2016/02/27/representations-of-libraries-and-librarians-in-popular-culture-particularly-science-fiction-and-fantasy/>.

Text Citation: (Sci.Fi.Brarian 2016.)

Web page, no author or date

Reference List

The ArQuives. n.d. "Our Team." Accessed January 7, 2022. <https://arquives.ca/about/team>.

Text Citation: (The ArQuives, n.d.)

Blog Post

It is often sufficient to cite blog posts, like newspaper and magazine articles, entirely within the text. If a reference list entry is needed, **repeat the year of publication with the month and day to avoid any confusion.**

Reference List

Bowen, Victoria. 2022. "A Book of the Week: Flora of the Colosseum of Rome." *Through the Revolving Door: Fisher Blog*. Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto Libraries. February 17, 2022.
<https://fisher.library.utoronto.ca/fisher-blog/ia-book-week-flora-colosseum-rome>.

Text Citation: (Bowen 2021)

Encyclopedias

For certain reference works—particularly those with substantial, authored entries—it may be appropriate to cite individual entries by author, much like contributions to a multi-author book. These citations may be included in a reference list.

Print

Reference List

O'Reilly, Andrea, ed. 2010. "Aboriginal mothering." In *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Text Citation: (O'Reilly 2010)

Online

Reference List

Pallardy, Richard. n.d. "Elizabeth May." In *Encyclopaedia Britannica Online*. Accessed June 28, 2021.
<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/1472176/Elizabeth-May>.

Text Citation: (Pallardy, n.d.)

Wikipedia

For Wikipedia, use the URL for the archived version of the page which is accessible by selecting the "view history" tab and clicking on the most recent date.

Reference List

Wikipedia. 2021. "Lester B. Pearson." Last modified December 13, 2021.
https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Lester_B._Pearson&oldid=1060167477

Text Citation: (Wikipedia 2021)

Film & Media

Citations for multimedia content usually include some or all of the following elements: the name of the person primarily responsible with their designation (creator, director, etc.), title of the work, names of additional contributors, date, location, format, and a URL for online sources. **The order of these elements depends on the**

nature of the source, whether a part or the whole is cited, and whether a particular contributor is the focus. Whom to list as “author” depends on the focus of the citation and is a matter of authorial discretion.

Film

Reference List

Gunnarsson, Sturla, dir. 2010. *Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie*. National Film Board of Canada. <https://www.nfb.ca/film/force-of-nature-the-david-suzuki/>.

Text Citation: (Gunnarsson 2010)

TV Series

Reference List

Butt, Brent, creator. 2005. *Corner Gas*. Season two. PrairiePants Productions. DVD.

Text Citation: (Butt 2005)

TV Series Episode

Reference List

Storey, David, dir. 2004. *Corner Gas*. Season 1, episode 6, “World’s Biggest Thing.” PrairiePants Productions. Aired February 25, 2004, on CTV.

Text Citation: (Storey 2004)

YouTube Video

Reference List

Trudeau, Justin - Prime Minister of Canada. 2019. "Speech from the Throne 2019." Streamed live December 5, 2019. YouTube video. <https://youtu.be/KLHQAi36sZk>.

Text Citation: (Trudeau 2019, 31:04)

Digital Image

Reference List

Morey, Hal. 1930. *Sun Beams Into Grand Central Station*. Photograph. Gettyimages Gallery. <http://gettyimagesgallery.com/images/sun-beams-into-grand-central-station/>

Text Citation: (Morey 1930)

Poetry & Plays

Classic English poems and plays can often be cited by book, canto, and stanza; stanza and line; act, scene, and line; or similar divisions.

Poem

Reference List

Coward, Noel. “To a Maidenhair Fern.” In *The Complete Verse of Noël Coward*, edited by Barry Day, 72. London: Methuen Drama, 2011.

Text Citation: (Coward 2011, 72, lines 1-2.)

Play, stand-alone

Reference List

Shepard, Sam. 1981. True West. New York: Nelson Doubleday.

Text Citation: (Shepard 1981, 9, act 1, scene 2)

Play, in collection or anthology

Reference List

Jung, Hansol. 2017. "Cardboard Piano." In *Contemporary Plays by Women of Color: An Anthology*, edited by Roberta Uno, 3-29. New York: Routledge, 2017.

Text Citation: (Jung 2017, 24)

Government Documents

For Canadian legal and government documents, The *Chicago Manual of Style* refers users to the *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation* (commonly known as the *McGill Guide*). The *Chicago Manual* provides specific information depending on what type of government document you are citing: bill, statute, legal case, debate, treaty, etc., and so you must review either the *McGill Guide*, or the *Chicago Manual* for rules and examples of other document types. In general, for government agency reports:

- Cite government documents or reports under the departments, units, or agencies (i.e. 'corporate authors'), followed by the year of the document. If there are personal contributors e.g. prepared by John Smith, list them after the title, followed by the document number.
- The publisher and author should be recorded as they appeared when the document was originally published, do not amend the name to their current title or department title.
- Government document titles appear in italics.
- Include paper numbers for in-text citations (if available).
- Include the publisher if it is different from the author.
- Include only the first place of publication if more than one is listed.

Authored report, online

Reference List

Hurley, Mary C. and Jill Wherret. 1999. *In Brief: The Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples*. Ottawa, ON: Library of Parliament, Parliamentary Research Branch. Revised August 2, 2000.
<https://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/299876/publication.html>.

Text Citation: (Hurley and Wherret 1999, 2)

Government agency report, online

Reference List

British Columbia. Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. 2009. *New Relationships with Aboriginal People and Communities in British Columbia: Annual Report on Progress, 2008-2009*.
http://www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/pubdocs/bcdocs2010/463710/2008_09.pdf

Text Citation: (British Columbia, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation 2009, 15)

Indirect Citations

One author quotes another

Writing “quoted in” is generally discouraged, but if the original source is not available, both the original and the secondary source must be listed. Mention the original author and date in the text, then cite the secondary source in your reference list, not the primary source.

Reference List

Kirsch, Edith W. 1991. *Five Illuminated Manuscripts of Giangaleazzo Visconti*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press. <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.04026>

Text Citation:

In Elisabeth Pellegrin’s *La bibliothèque des Visconti et des Sforza, ducs de Milan, au XVe siècle* from 1955 (quoted in Kirsch 1991)..

For more information on how to cite all types of sources using Chicago style, see:

Complete style guide: [The Chicago Manual of Style Online, 17th ed., 2017](#)