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Chicago Style 17th Edition – Notes & Bibliography Version

Commonly used in literature, history and the arts, Chicago style includes notes (footnotes or endnotes) and usually, a bibliography. Notes are referenced in-text, while the bibliography is included at the end of the document. A note should be included any time a source has been summarized, paraphrased, or directly quoted in your work. Examples in this guide will show how different resources are formatted as citations in both the bibliography and notes.

This guide has examples of the Notes-Bibliography System. *The Chicago Manual of Style* also has an Author-Date System that is intended for use in the social sciences. Though the two styles are very similar, there are important differences in how in-text citations and reference lists are formatted. Please view the Author-Date version document for examples in that style.

Formatting Checklist (Notes [footnotes/endnotes] & Bibliography Style)

- Indent the first line of each note, but only the second and following lines of each bibliography entry (hanging indent).
- Notes are numbered and correspond to superscripted note reference numbers in-text.
- In notes, authors' names appear in normal order (first name then last name) and the elements (e.g. author, title) are separated by commas or parentheses.
- Shortened citation formats are recommended to reduce the amount of text being used in footnotes/endnotes. **Shortened citations can only be used after the initial full citation for each source that has been entered in the notes and bibliography.**
- Formats of shortened citations vary, but they should generally consist of the author(s) last name, a few identifiable words from the title of the work, and the page number(s).
- “*Ibid*” is no longer encouraged when citing the exact same resource and page number as the preceding note. Instead, use a shortened citation that consists of the author's last name and the page number(s) of the passage.
- If your work has notes but no bibliography, it is expected that the full details of a source (the same information that would be provided in the bibliography) will be included in the first note for each resource cited. Subsequent citations for each resource can use shortened citation formats.

- All notes examples in this guide reflect how the first full citation for a resource should be formatted in your work. For examples of shortened citation formatting, or for more information on any other rules, access [The Chicago Manual of Style citation quick guide](#) for the Notes and Bibliography system.
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