



Chicago Manual of Style Author—Date Documentation Style

Introduction

This guide is based on *The Chicago Manual of Style* 15th edition, 2003. Chicago is the style most commonly used in the publishing industry, and is preferred among some social science and history publications. This style employs two different documentation methods: the author-date system and the notes-bibliography system. This hand-out explains and provides examples for the author-date system. If none of these examples seems appropriate, feel free to consult a writing tutor and *The Chicago Manual of Style*, both available in the UMR Writing Center, 113 CSF.

Author—Date System

The author-date system is favored by writers in the physical, natural, and social sciences, and differs from the notes-bibliography system in that it uses in-text citations rather than notes. Sources are cited in the text and are set off by parentheses. Inside the parentheses, the author of the source and the year of publication are given, followed by the page number if needed. Full publication details are given in a separate section at the end of the paper called “Works Cited” or “References.”

Basic format:

Author’s name and year appear in parentheses (Name Year).

Example:

(In text citation)

The fall of the Roman Empire had distinct causes (Gibbon 1946).

An electronic journal:

(T) (Warr and Ellison 2000, under “The Consequences of Fear”)

(W) Warr, Mark, and Christopher G. Ellison. 2000. Rethinking Social reactions to Crime: Personal and Altruistic Fear in Family Households. *American Journal of Sociology* 106, no. 3 (November): 551-78. <http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/AJS/journal/issues/v106n3/050123/050125.html> (accessed January 16, 2002).

An article in a monthly or bimonthly journal:

(T) (Terborgh 1974)

(W) Terborgh, J. 1974. Preservation of natural diversity: The problem of extinction-Prone species. *BioScience* 24:715-22.

An internet page:

(T) (Federation of American Scientists)

(W) Federation of American Scientists. Resolution comparison: Reading license plates and headlines. <http://www.fas.org/irp/imint/resolve5.html> (accessed May 5, 2006).

A lecture, speech, or address:

(T) (O’Guinn 1987)

(W) O’Guinn, T.C. 1987. Touching greatness: Some aspects of star worship in Contemporary consumption. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New York, NY.

Works Cited List

Also referred to as the Reference List or simply References, the entries in this list are arranged in a single alphabetical list by the author's last name. When more than one work by a single author is cited, they are arranged in ascending order by date. Lines should be single-spaced within entries, and double-spaced between entries. The first line of each entry is typed at the left margin and all subsequent lines should be indented by a quarter inch (5 spaces). Do not number the entries of the Works Cited List.

Basic Format:

Last, First, MI. Year. Editorial Information. Title. Location:
Publisher.

Example:

Edward Gibbon. 1946. *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, ed. J. B. Bury. Vol. 2. New York: Heritage.

Citation Examples

Examples are marked as (T) for in-text citations and (W) for Works Cited List entries.

Books by one author:

(T) (Daiches 1975)

(W) Daiches, David. 1975. *Moses: The man and his vision*. New York: Praeger Publishers.

Books by two authors:

(T) (Walker and Taylor 1998)

(W) Walker, J. R., and T. Taylor. 1998. *The Columbia guide to online style*. New York: Columbia Univ. Press.

Books by more than three authors:

(T) (Sechzer et al. 1996)

(W) Sechzer, J.A., S.M. Pfaffilin, F.L. Denmark, A. Griffin, and S.J. Blumenthal. 1996. *Women and mental health*. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press.

Book with an author and editor or translator:

(T) (Menchu 1999)

(W) Menchu, Rigoberta. 1999. *Crossing borders*. Trans. Ann Wright. New York: Big Press.

A multivolume work: (Indicate volume in text citations with number and colon)

(T) (Wright 1968-78, 2:316)

(W) Wright, Sewell. 1968-78. *Evolution and the genetics of population*. 4 vols. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

A government publication:

(T) (U.S. Senate Committee 1956, 9-10)

(W) U.S. Congress. Senate. Committee on Foreign Relations. 1956. *The Mutual Security Act of 1956*. 84th Cong., 2d Sess. S. Rep. 2273.

A reference work:

(T) (Garner 1998)

(W) Garner, Bryan A. 1998. *A dictionary of modern American usage*. New York: Oxford University Press.