# Chicago Style (CMS): Formatting Author-Date & References

The Chicago Manual of Style (CMS) citation format allows you to provide your readers with in-text citations that include the author’s name and the publication date. Professors in some disciplines, especially the physical and natural sciences, often request that you use this style. Please see some important notes on Chicago Style formatting on the other side of this handout.

## Citing a book with a single author:

### **Reference:**

Pollan, Michael. 2006. *The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals.* New York: Penguin.

### **In-text citation:**

(Pollan 2006, 99-100)

## Citing a book with two or more authors:

### **Reference:**

Ward, Geoffrey C., and Ken Burns. 2007. *The War: An Intimate History, 1941-1945*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.

### **In-text citation:**

(Ward and Burns 2007, 52)

## Citing a book with four or more authors:

## List all the authors in the reference entry. List only the first author followed by et al. for the in-text citation.

### **Reference:**

Evans, Julie, Patricia Grimshaw, David Phillips, and Shurlee Swain. 2003. *Equal Subjects, Unequal Rights: Indigenous People in British Settler Colonies*, *1830-1910.* Manchester: Manchester University Press.

### **In-text citation:**

### (Evans et al. 2003, 24)

## Citing a book with an editor instead of an author:

## Use the abbreviation *ed.* for *editor* or *eds.* for *editors* in the reference entry. Do not include the abbreviation for editor in the in-text citation.

### **Reference:**

Greenberg, Joel, ed. 2008. *Of Prarie, Woods, and Water: Two Centuries of Chicago Nature Writing.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

### **In-text citation:**

(Greenberg 2008, 42)

### **Citing an article in a scholarly journal:**

### **Reference:**

Blair, Walter. 1977. “Americanized Comic Braggarts.” *Critical Inquiry* 4, no. 2 (Winter): 331-49.

### **In-text citation:**

(Blair 1977, 331-32)

## Citing website content:

### **Reference:**

Google. 2014. “Privacy Policy.” Privacy & Terms. Last Modified March 31, 2014. http://www.google.com/intl/en/privacypolicy.html.

### **In-text citation:**

(Google 2014)

## Citing an online scholarly article:

### These examples include a URL or a DOI at the end of the citation. A DOI, if it is available, is preferable to a URL.

### **Reference:**

Inclán, María de la Luz. 2008. “From the *¡Ya Basta!* to the *Caracoles*: Zapatista Mobilization under Transitional Conditions.” *American Journal of Sociology* 113, no 5 (March): 1316-50. doi:10.1086/525508.

Whitney, Frank P. 1929. “The Six-Year High School in Cleveland.” *School Review* 37, no. 4 (April): 267-71. http://www.jstor.org/stable/1078814.

### **In-text citation:**

(Inclán 2008, 1316-50)

(Whitney 1929, 267-71)

## Important Notes about Formatting in Chicago Style

Note in the examples above, page numbers are given following a comma. For the in-text citation, page numbers should indicate the part of the text quoted or paraphrased. For the reference entry, page numbers are included, and they show the full range of an article. Both references and in-text citations should be in a readable typeface, such as Times New Roman, and should match the body of the paper in both typeface and size.

Note that this handout looks more closely at the format for the author-date in-text citations and reference citations. Another UWC handout, *Chicago Style: Formatting Your Paper,* shows how to format your paper as a whole when you use Chicago Style.

UT-Austin also has a subscription to the full *Chicago Manual of Style Online*. This can be accessed at www.chicagomanualofstyle.org from any campus network computer, or by searching the library databases at www.lib.utexas.edu/indexes/index.php.

\*Handout adapted from the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition.