

## CHICAGO STYLE: AUTHOR-DATE

The Chicago Manual of Style's Author-Date system requires two elements to document sources in a paper: **in-text citations** and a **references page**.

### HOW TO WRITE IN-TEXT CITATIONS

In-text citations should include the author's last name and the year of publication in parentheses next to the quoted or paraphrased material.

#### Paraphrased & Quoted Examples

Make sure to include the page number separated by a comma.

There is some flexibility in where the citation appears:

**Direct quote:** The citation can appear after the author is mentioned or at the end of the quote.

- Smith (2015, 50) stated that "illegal waste disposal led to the water contamination."
- Smith stated that "illegal waste disposal led to the water contamination" (2010, 50).

**Paraphrased material:** The citation can be placed after the author is mentioned or, if the author is not mentioned, with their name at the end of the sentence.

- Sokolowski (2008, 355) asserts that philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle...
- Philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle... (Sokolowski 2008, 355).

#### Using the Same Source Multiple Times

When the same source is used multiple times in a paragraph, only the first in-text citation of the paragraph needs to have the author's last name and date. Subsequent citations require only the page number.

- Smith (2015, 50) stated that "illegal waste disposal led to the water contamination." This kind of contamination has "led to various economic disasters like famine" (67).

#### No Known Date

For print materials, in the case of a source with no publication date, n.d. can be used in place of a year.

- (Yale University, n.d.)

For online materials, use the date that the material was accessed:

- ... (Google 2017).

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## HOW TO WRITE A REFERENCE PAGE

The page on which you fully list your sources should come at the end of the document and should be titled “References.” Do not bold, italicize, or use quotation marks around this title. Entries on the References page should be alphabetized and single-spaced, with an extra space between them. Note that the year of publication comes directly after the Author’s name in Reference list entries. Examples of what a Chicago style References page looks like can be found online.

Source	In-Text Citation	References Entry
<b>Book with Single Author</b>	(Author Last name Year, Page)  (Sokolowski 2008, 355)	Last name, First name. Year. <i>Title</i> . Publication City: Publisher.  Sokolowski, Robert. 2008. <i>Phenomenology of the Human Person</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press
<b>Book with an Editor Instead of an Author</b>	(Editor Last name Year, Page)  (Smith 2009, 115)	Editor Last name, First name, ed. Year. <i>Title</i> . Publication City: Publisher.  Smith, Michael, ed. 2009. <i>The Write Stuff</i> . Atlanta: Masquerade.
<b>Books with Two or More Authors</b>	(Last name, Last name, and Last name Year, page) If there are more than three authors, use “et al.”  (Day, Bottoms, and Nederlander 1986, 3)  (Taormina, et al. 2021, 14)	Last Name, First name, First name Last name, and First name Last name. Year. <i>Title</i> . Publication City: Publisher.  Day, Doris, Jason Bottoms, and Nathan Nederlander. 1986. <i>Dynamics of Middle Child Syndrome</i> . Los Angeles: Penguin.
<b>Journal Article</b>	(Last name Year, Page)  (Milman 1998, 169)	Last name, First name. Year. “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i> volume (issue): Pages.  Milman, Ady. 1998. “The impact on tourism and travel experience on senior travelers’ psychological well being.” <i>Journal of Travel Research</i> 37 (2): 166-170.
<b>Articles from Online Library Databases</b>	(Last name Year, Page)  (Fang, Yang, and Wu 2002, 875)	Last name, First name. Year “Article Title.” <i>Journal Title</i> Volume (issue): Pages. doi:  Fang, Yun-Zhong, Sheng Yang, and Guoyao Wu. 2002. “Free Radicals, Antioxidants, and Nutrition.” <i>Nutrition</i> 18 (10): 872-879. doi: 10.1016/S0899-9007(02)00916-4  **Include URL when a DOI is not available.