

## Citation Guide

For term papers or the Master Thesis on a historical topic please use Chicago-Style footnote citations. This guide will list the most common material you will cite when preparing academic work. The Chicago Manual's [website](#) has more detailed information and examples (accessible through the Uni web).

All of the examples are the long form, bibliographic entries. In your footnotes, you can use shortened forms (as explained by the Manual's website)

### General Advice

Using a reference management software (e.g. Citavi, Endnote, Zotero) is strongly advised, not in the least because it significantly reduces your workload and the possibility of mistakes.

Don't forget to alphabetically sort your bibliographic entries.

If possible, read sources and literature in their original, rather than cited by another scholar. With older material or archival sources this may be difficult, but more recently published secondary literature is overwhelmingly accessible through the internet or the university library.

If your first search for literature does not return results, the [Advanced Search](#) enables you to search all of Germany's libraries that participate in the interlibrary loan system (*Fernleihe*). A reasonable fee is charged for books borrowed through this system.

If you need assistance with finding sources, or on how the library system works, the librarians are always happy to help.

### Primary Sources and Secondary Literature

In historical works, a differentiation between primary sources and secondary literature is important. There are no definitive rules, so it can be helpful to look at other author's bibliographies to see how they organize their primary sources. In general, first list all of the primary sources grouped either by genre (e.g. newspapers, novels, interviews) or by archive. Then list all of the secondary literature in your bibliography.

For example, see: Parsons, Elaine Frantz. [Ku Klux](#); Shaw, Tony. [Hollywood's Cold War](#).

## Sample Bibliographic Citations

- Book, one author

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

- Two or more authors

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

- For four or more authors, list all of the authors in the bibliography; in the note, list only the first author, followed by *et al.* (“and others”):

Dana Barnes et al., *Plastics: Essays on American Corporate Ascendance in the 1960s . . .*

- Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author

Lattimore, Richmond, trans. *The Iliad of Homer*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1951.

- Editor, translator, or compiler in addition to author

García Márquez, Gabriel. *Love in the Time of Cholera*. Translated by Edith Grossman. London: Cape, 1988.

- Chapter or other part of a book

Kelly, John D. “Seeing Red: Mao Fetishism, Pax Americana, and the Moral Economy of War.” In *Anthropology and Global Counterinsurgency*, edited by John D. Kelly, Beatrice Jauregui, Sean T. Mitchell, and Jeremy Walton, 67–83. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010.

- Chapter of an edited volume originally published elsewhere (as in primary sources)

Cicero, Quintus Tullius. “Handbook on Canvassing for the Consulship.” In *Rome: Late Republic and Principate*, edited by Walter Emil Kaegi Jr. and Peter White. Vol. 2 of *University of Chicago Readings in Western Civilization*, edited by John Boyer and Julius Kirshner, 33–46. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1986. Originally published in Evelyn S. Shuckburgh, trans., *The Letters of Cicero*, vol. 1 (London: George Bell & Sons, 1908).

- Preface, foreword, introduction, or similar part of a book

Rieger, James. Introduction to *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*, by Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, xi–xxxvii. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982.

- Book published electronically

*If a book is available in more than one format, cite the version you consulted. For books consulted online, list a URL; include an access date. If no fixed page numbers are available, you can include a section title or a chapter or other number.*

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*. New York: Penguin Classics, 2007. Kindle edition.

Kurland, Philip B., and Ralph Lerner, eds. *The Founders' Constitution*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987. Accessed February 28, 2010. <http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/>.

## Journal articles

- Article in a print journal

Weinstein, Joshua I. "The Market in Plato's *Republic*." *Classical Philology* 104 (2009): 439–58.

- Article in an online journal

Kossinets, Gueorgi, and Duncan J. Watts. "Origins of Homophily in an Evolving Social Network." *American Journal of Sociology* 115 (2009): 405–50. Accessed February 28, 2010. (URL).

- Article in a newspaper or popular magazine

*Newspaper and magazine articles may be cited in running text ("As Sheryl Stolberg and Robert Pear noted in a New York Times article on February 27, 2010, . . .") instead of in a footnote, and they are commonly omitted from a bibliography. The following examples show the more formal versions of the citations. If you consulted the article online, include a URL and an access date. If no author is identified, begin the citation with the article title.*

Mendelsohn, Daniel. "But Enough about Me." *New Yorker*, January 25, 2010.

Stolberg, Sheryl Gay, and Robert Pear. "Wary Centrists Posing Challenge in Health Care Vote." *New York Times*, February 27, 2010. Accessed February 28, 2010. <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/28/us/politics/28health.html>.

## Other Types of References

### ➤ Book review

Kamp, David. "Deconstructing Dinner." Review of *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, by Michael Pollan. *New York Times*, April 23, 2006, Sunday Book Review. <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/23/books/review/23kamp.html>.

### ➤ Thesis or dissertation

Choi, Mihwa. "Contesting *Imaginaires* in Death Rituals during the Northern Song Dynasty." PhD diss., University of Chicago, 2008.

### ➤ Website

*A citation to website content can often be limited to a mention in the text or in a footnote ("As of July 19, 2008, the McDonald's Corporation listed on its website . . ."). If a more formal citation is desired, it may be styled as in the example below. Because such content is subject to change, include an access date.*

McDonald's Corporation. "McDonald's Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts." Accessed July 19, 2008. <http://www.mcdonalds.com/corp/about/factsheets.html>.