

Chicago Style Format Guide - Footnotes

Chicago Style in-text citations, or footnotes, differ greatly from the standard parenthetical format adopted by both MLA and APA styles. Any time you introduce a source for the first time in your paper, you must include a full citation in your footnotes, with the page number on which you found the information. These full citations will be in much the same format as the bibliographic citation, the only difference being that the author's first and last name are not reversed and the publishing information is placed within parentheses. If your citation goes into the second line, it should be put in hanging indent format.

Example of a book footnote:

Tom Standage. *Writing on the Wall: Social Media The First 2,000 Years*. (Great Britain: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2013), 106.

Example of a journal footnote:

Alex V. Levin. "Do I Have an Ethical Dilemma?" *Oman Journal of Ophthalmology*, vol. 3, 2010): 49-50. doi: [10.4103/0974-620X.64226](https://doi.org/10.4103/0974-620X.64226).

Example of a website footnote:

Helen Sullivan. "Some of Australia's Smallest Species Could Be Lost to Wildfires." *The New York Times*, (January 9, 2020).
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/09/science/australia-fire-ecology-insects.html>.

Once a source has been introduced once, you may use a shortened version of the footnote for all recurring citations. The shortened citations for books include the author's last name, the title of the book, and the page that the information was found on.

Example:

Standage, *Writing on the Wall: Social Media The First 2000 Years*, 201.

A shortened citation for a journal uses the author's last name, the name of the article, and the page number the information was found on.

Example:

Levin, "Do I Have an Ethical Dilemma?", 49.

A shortened citation for a website uses the author's last name and the name of the article/section of the website used.

Example:

Sullivan, "Some of Australia's Smallest Species Could Be Lost to Wildfires."

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