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The American Anthropological Association format has many similarities to Chicago Style. Any questions you might have about the format may be answered within Chicago Manual Style, 17th Edition. However, there are a few differences that are important to recognize.

1.) Place citations in parentheses and include the author’s name and the source’s year of publication, with no intervening punctuation, at the end of a sentence or before a comma or semicolon, whenever possible: (Herzfeld 2005).

2.) Always include page numbers for quotations or extensive paraphrases, using a dash for page ranges: (Herzfeld 2005, 146–47). (Note: they are preceded by a comma, not a colon; this is a major change from the AAA Style Guide.)

3.) Use semicolons to separate two or more references in a single parenthetical citation and list them alphabetically: (Bessire and Bond 2014; Comaroff 1996; Daser 2014; Foucault 2000).

4.) Do not include “ed.” or “trans.” in citations (and in the case of books that have been reprinted or updated, do not include the original publication year), as this information will be included on the reference list.

5.) Use the first author’s last name and et al. for works with four or more authors.

6.) You may use the following abbreviations: e.g., and i.e. Do not use ibid., passim, op. cit., and so on. Only very rarely would we use ff., “when referring to a section for which no final number can usefully be given” (CMS 14.156).

Formatting Reference Pages in AAA:

Unlike Chicago Style, references will not be embedded in endnotes or footnotes. Include every source cited within the text, listed alphabetically by author. When including multiple works by the same author, list them chronologically from oldest to most recent. Use “and” instead of ampersand (&) for multi-author entries. Write out all author names if a work has three writers or less. For four to ten authors, write out all the names in the bibliography, but only the first author’s name in the parenthetical citation. Provide DOIs instead of URLs whenever possible.

See example Reference page for commonly used citation scenarios.
References


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