

Anthropology Style Guide

This guide provides examples of the unique bibliographic format recommended by the American Anthropological Association (AAA), following the **Chicago Manual of Style**, 1993. Further information about the distinctive style used by anthropologists can be found on the AAA Web site (see http://www.aaanet.org/pubs/style_guide.pdf).

The general definition of a bibliography is a complete list of works on a topic. It is more appropriate to call a list of cited works "references" or "references cited" because these items are likely to be selective and include only works actually referenced in the research paper.

General format for in-text references

Like other social sciences, the anthropology style uses parenthetical in-text references and an alphabetical references cited list, rather than op. cit., ibid., footnotes, or endnotes. For example:

. . . in contrast, the definition proposed by Alfred Kroeber (Kroeber 1935:560) shows that . . .

This parenthetical reference is placed in the text after a discussion or direct quotation of Kroeber's work. It refers readers to the entry for Kroeber's 1935 article in the cited references list, and cites page 560 as the source of the information.

General format for the references cited list

Entries in the list of cited references have the following elements:

(1) author(s), (2) year of publication, (3) title, and (4) source, or facts of publication.

Arranged alphabetically by the author's last name, entries are indented in the paragraph format style called "hanging indent," which requires setting tabs approximately two spaces apart. Two spaces follow the date and a single space separates other elements. A line separates multiple works by the same author, which are arranged chronologically.

If different works are published in the same year, they are labeled [date]a and [date]b, as in the example:

Kroeber, Alfred

1919 On the Principle of Order in Civilization as Exemplified by Changes of Fashion. *American Anthropologist* 21:253-263.

1935 History and Science in Anthropology. *American Anthropologist* 37:539-569.

1948a Anthropology. New York: Harcourt, Brace.

1948b White's View of Culture. *American Anthropologist* 50:405-415.

If no author is apparent, list the item under Anonymous. In listing an unusual reference, include the minimum information that would enable a reader to identify and locate the source. Always follow a consistent pattern. The following entries provide examples. Useful models also appear in recent issues of the **American Anthropologist** or **American Ethnologist**.

One author or editor

Soustelle, Jacques

1970 *Daily Life of the Aztecs on the Eve of the Spanish Conquest*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Note: Use the same format for books, monographs, and pamphlets. Specify the state only when the place of publication might be uncertain without it.

Two or three authors or editors

Blum, R. H., and Eva Blum

1965 *Health and Healing in Rural Greece: A Study of Three Communities*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Naroll, Raoul, and Ronald Cohen, eds.

1970 *A Handbook of Method in Cultural Anthropology*. New York: Columbia University Press

Note: Three authors would appear as Smith, Clarence D., John F. Smith, and R. S. Jones.

More than three authors or editors

King, Thomas F., et al.

1977 *Anthropology in Historic Preservation: Caring for Culture's Clutter*. New York: Academic Press.

Note: Include full subtitles of books and monographs.

Corporate author

American Anthropological Association

1968 *War: The Anthropology of Armed Conflict and Aggression*. Morton Fried, Marvin Harris, and Robert Murphy, eds. Garden City, NY: Natural History Press.

Editor, compiler, assembler, or translator of non-English works

Lévi-Strauss, Claude

1961 *A World on the Wane*. John Russell, transl. London: Hutchinson. (Original: *Tristes tropiques*. Paris: Plon, 1955.)

Ruvalcaba Mercado, Jesús.

1991 *Tecnología agrícola y trabajo familiar: Una etnografía agrícola de la Huasteca veracruzana*. Mexico City: Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social.

Note: For translated works, include the facts of publication for the original work, if known. For assembler, use "assembler," for translator use "transl.," for editor use "ed.," and for compiler, use "comp." Follow the custom in Spanish or French titles of capitalizing only the first word and all proper nouns. Provide the correct form of names in other languages (e.g., Ruvalcaba Mercado, not Mercado). The city name may be anglicized but the publisher is not translated into English.

Reprint of an older edition

Starr, Frederick

1978 [1908] *In Indian Mexico: A Narrative of Travel and Labor*. Chicago: Forbes and Co.; reprint ed., New York: AMS Press.

Note: This format is used for a reprinted edition that retains the original typography and pagination.

Second or subsequent editions, revised or enlarged editions

Bidney, David
1967 *Theoretical Anthropology*. 2nd ed. New York: Schocken.

Note: List the edition actually cited in the paper. Abbreviate edition (and editor) as "ed." If the date of first publication is important, it can be mentioned in the text or added parenthetically at the end of the entry: (1st ed., Columbia University Press, 1953).

Chapter in a book

Sumner, William M.
1979 Estimating Population by Analogy: An Example. In *Ethnoarchaeology: Implications of Ethnography for Archaeology*. Carol Kramer, ed., pp. 164-174. New York: Columbia University Press.

Note: Only the word in is underlined in the anthropology bibliographic style. The page numbers of the chapter follow the editor's name.

Multivolume works

Barnouw, Victor
1971 *An Introduction to Anthropology*. 2 vols. Homewood, IL: Dorsey Press.

Note: For the in-text citation, cite as (Barnouw 1971:II, 109-112) using Roman numeral II to identify the volume number.

Dissertation

Benedict, Ruth
1923 *The Concept of the Guardian Spirit in North America*. Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University.

Government publications

Hunt, George, and Franz Boas.
1921 *Ethnology of the Kwakiutl*. Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of American Ethnology to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, 1913-1914. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Proceedings and transactions

Peter, Prince of Greece and Denmark
1978 *Tibetan Oracles*. In *Himalayan Anthropology: The Indo-Tibetan Interface*. James F. Fisher, ed., pp. 287-298. 9th International Conference of the Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, 1973. The Hague: Mouton Press.

Note: Do not confuse the date of publication with the date that a meeting or conference was held, which is part of the series title.

Volume in a series

Freeman, Derek
1970 *Report on the Iban*. London School of Economics, Monographs on Social Anthropology, no. 41. London: Althone Press.

Note: Include the series title immediately before the place of publication.

Article in a volume in a series

Jones, R. E. M.

1965 A Survey of Maya Architecture. *In* *Archaeology of Southern Mesoamerica*, part 1. Gordon R. Willey, ed., pp. 678-740. *Handbook of Middle American Indians*, vol. 2. Robert Wauchope, gen. ed. Austin: University of Texas Press.

Note: The editor of the volume and the general editor of the series are both listed. Only the first place of publication is listed, not Austin, New York, London, and Tokyo.

Article in a scholarly encyclopedia

Vaughan, James H., Jr.

1968 Herskovits, Melville Jean. *In* *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, vol. 6. David L. Sills, ed., pp. 353-354. New York: Macmillan.

Article in a periodical

Periodical articles in the list of cited references have the following elements:

(1) author(s), (2) year of publication, (3) article title, and (4) source title, (5) volume(issue):pages.

Diamond, Jared

1993 What are Men Good For? *Natural History* 102(5):25-29.

McElreath, Richard, Robert Boyd, and Peter J. Richerson

2003 Shared Norms and the Evolution of Ethnic Markers. *Current Anthropology* 44:122-129.

Note: Do not put a space between the colon separating the periodical volume and the page numbers that follow. The issue number (in parentheses) is needed following the volume only if the pagination is not continuous throughout the volume. When in doubt, include the issue number; for example, *Natural History* 102(5):25-29. Do not include the place of publication of the source title unless needed to avoid ambiguity; for example, *Revista de Antropología* (Havana), *Revista de Antropología* (Trujillo), or *Revista de Antropología* (Seville).

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Diamond, Jared

1993 What are Men Good For? *Natural History* 102(5):25- [5 pages]. Available via Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost), accessed August 15, 2003.

Note: Use this format for a periodical article retrieved from a licensed electronic database or publisher's Web site that restricts access to subscribers only. The page numbering of the original printed version is often missing for articles delivered in electronic format (HTML full text). When available, always obtain the page image format (PDF full text) to preserve the original pagination and layout. If only the initial page of the electronic version is known, as in the example, include the page range or otherwise indicate the article's length.

Publicly accessible Internet or Web resource

Cassell, Joan, and Sue-Ellen Jacobs, eds.

1987 *Handbook on Ethical Issues in Anthropology*. Special Publication of the American Anthropology Association, no. 23. Washington, D. C.: American Anthropology Association. Available at <http://www.aaanet.org/committees/ethics/toc.htm>, accessed August 2, 2003.

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