Turabian Style: Notes and Reference List

See Chapters 16, “The Basic Form,” and 17, “Types of Sources,” on the “Notes-Bibliography Style” in A Manual for Writers, 8th ed, or the University Writing Center, for additional help and reference.

Turabian documentation style is essentially the same as the Chicago style with a few slight modifications that focus on student research papers rather than material for publishing. For example, access dates are used more often than in comparable Chicago style entries. The Turabian style offers two citation methods: Notes-Bibliography and Parenthetical Citations-Reference List. This handout outlines the former. Notes-Bibliography style, or simply Bibliography style, is used most often in literature, history, and the arts.

To begin, a citation is necessary when you have used a direct quotation as well as when you have paraphrased another’s work. In the Notes-Bibliography style, you indicate that you have used a source by inserting a superscript number at the end of the sentence in which you refer to it:

Hoare explains that “Accurate navigation, in particular track keeping and timing, was dependent upon using the most recent W/V as measured between the latest and the 20 minute-old fix.”

You then cite that quotation or paraphrased section in either a footnote at the bottom of the page or an endnote at the end of the document. The note format is the same whether using endnotes or footnotes but varies with source type. XX represents page numbers actually cited. A corresponding note for the above quotation from an academic journal is as follows:


If you cite the same text again, you can shorten subsequent notes:


You may use the Latin abbreviation ibid. to shorten a note when the same bibliographical data appears in the immediately previous note. It should be capitalized and should not be italicized. If there is a corresponding page number, place a comma after ibid. and then the page number followed by a period.

9. Ibid.

Finally, a bibliography is included at the end of the paper. YY denotes a full span of page numbers for an article or a chapter. The bibliographic entry for the above information is as follows:


Sample Full Notes

**Book**

One author

Book cont’d...

Two authors

Four or more authors

Editor, translator, or compiler instead of author
4. Helen Electrie Lindsay, trans., *Written on the Knee: A Diary from the Greek-Italian Front of WWII / Diary by Theodore Electris* (Minneapolis: Scarletta Press, 2008), 100-5.

Book published electronically

Journal article
Article in an online journal

Web site
Web sites may be cited in running text (“On its Web site, the History Channel explains …”) instead of in a parenthetical citation and they are commonly omitted from a bibliography as well. The following examples show the more formal versions of the citations.

Sample Bibliography Corresponding to Notes Above

Bibliography


Lindsay, Helen Electrie, trans, *Written on the Knee: A Diary from the Greek-Italian Front of WWII / Diary by Theodore Electris*. Minneapolis: Scarletta Press, 2008.