

MODERN AMERICAN HISTORY STYLE GUIDE

General Specifications

Formatting

Documents must be 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced, paginated, 1-inch margins all around. They should be submitted as .doc or .docx files. Paragraph breaks should be indicated by indentation, not a line. Footnotes should be numbered in sequence and adhere to *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition, with the exception of omitting publisher names from references. Do not use endnotes or in-text citations.

Manuscripts accepted for publication in *MAH* should follow American spelling and date conventions (ex. January 10, 2017), except in quotations using alternative spellings and conventions. Foreign words should be italicized, except for those that have achieved common currency in the English language. American (adj) and Americans (noun) may be used, but avoid America in favor of more accurate place descriptions: the United States, North America, the Pacific Northwest, etc.

Dates and Numerals

Numbers up to 100 should be spelled in full, except when used in groups or statistical discussion (89 voted for, 17 against, and 25 abstained). Percentages should appear in figures, with the “percent” spelled out (50 percent). Precise measurements should also be in figures (\$2.75, 10 inches). Thousands should appear with a comma (2,000). In citations, the least number of figures should be used to note pages (301-8; 212-17).

Write out dates in full (1914-1918; May 1968; June-July 1987; September 11, 2011; from 1992 to 1994). Decades should appear as 1950s (not 1950’s). Centuries, months of the year, and days of the week should be spelled in full (nineteenth century (noun) or nineteenth-century (adj); November; Tuesday). However, months in footnotes should be abbreviated (Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec.).

If a source does not include a date, please indicate this by using “undated” where the date would normally appear in the citation.

Punctuation

Use the serial comma (red, white, and blue). Use full points for authors’ initials as well as the abbreviation for United States (U.S.) when used as an adjective (spell out United States when used as a noun). Full points should be omitted for acronyms or other initials read as a series of letters: (NAACP, ACLU, NASA). Such abbreviations should be used

only after the act or organization name has been fully identified within the text and the acronym indicated: Agricultural Adjustment Act (AAA); National Organization for Women (NOW).

Use double quotation marks for quotes and single marks for quotes within quotes. Punctuation marks, such as periods and commas, should appear inside double quotation marks. Quotations longer than sixty words should be separated from the main text, indented, without quotation marks.

Use a single apostrophe to make the United States possessive (United States'). When making two names possessive, use an apostrophe with only the second (e.g. Lederer and Burdick's *The Ugly American*).

Compound adjectives and adverbs should be hyphenated (four-lane highway); modifiers ending in “-ly” should not (rapidly approaching car). Additionally, names for groups of people should not be hyphenated (African American, Asian America).

Avoid contractions, except in direct quotations.

Provide one space rather than two after all punctuation.

Use *em* dashes to set off text (in the 1936 congressional election—his first—he won the seat over the long-time incumbent) and *en* dashes in number and date ranges (32-56).

Ellipses should appear with a space before and after and no brackets. Three points should be used for omissions within a single sentence (...); four points should be used for omissions between two or more sentences (....).

Capitalization

MAH uses lower case wherever possible. Use it for historical systems, periods, events, and groups (empire, colonial, puritan, civil rights movement); all -isms not constructed from a proper name (modernism, antisemitism); and institutions, government agencies, and titular offices (the cabinet, executive branch, secretary of state, president).

Upper case should be used to avoid ambiguity or according to convention (First World War, Third World, Catholic, Quaker, House of Representatives, Congress, Kitchen Cabinet, Cold War, Black Power). Also use it for personal titles when immediately followed by a name (President Wilson, General Patton) as well as for systems and -isms derived from names of persons (Jesuit, Calvinism, Fordism, Garveyism). Earth, as a proper noun denoting the specific planet, should also be capitalized.

Government publications (a bill, resolution, committee report) should be in lower case except for those with specific names (Volstead Act, National Environmental Policy Act). Similarly, general political philosophies appear in lower case (democratic), whereas names of political parties should be capitalized (Democratic Party).

Total consistency is not required across all articles, but the preference is for self-consistency within individual articles themselves.

Names

People should be identified fully by first and last name when they are first mentioned in a text, and by last name thereafter. Avoid the use of Mrs. Mr. Gen., etc.

The addition of a possessive “’s” should follow a name ending with the letter “s” (Jacob Riis’s).

Hawai‘i is the preferred spelling for the fiftieth state.

Use the personal pronouns he or she where necessary in order to avoid ambiguity when gendered information is provided, but avoid gender bias when possible by eliminating the third-person singular possessive (“each employee worked the assembly line” instead of “each employee worked his assembly line”), by writing in the plural (“teenagers dreamed about their first cars” instead of “each teenager dreamed about his first car”), or by choosing words that apply equally to men and women (actors, comedians, postal worker, police officer). However avoid slash constructions (his/her) and be mindful of historical accuracy (in the twentieth century, each first lady chose her china pattern).

Acknowledgments

Please include any acknowledgments before the first footnote.

Tables/Graphs/Illustrations

If the document includes tables, graphs, or illustrations, a fine copy must be provided. These materials must be numbered in sequence throughout the article with references to sources and descriptive headings attached. Contributors should indicate clearly where the materials are to appear in the text, the preferred scale and orientation, the appropriate numbering and/or caption, and ensure that each item is referenced in the text. Illustrations must be hi-resolution and submitted as a TIFF or EPS file. Line drawings should be scanned at 300 dpi and use only conventional fills. Halftones should be scanned at 600 dpi with the preset dot range from 1-96%. If you wish to compress the files, use lossless compression package software such as the LZW compression package. Each element must be accessible for editing in order to allow reformatting to match the journal’s print specifications.

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Citation Guidelines

In general, *MAH* follows the footnote citation guidelines laid out in *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th Edition, with the exception of omitting publisher names from references.

Footnotes should appear at the end of sentences, never in the middle. While footnotes can be consolidated in order to reduce their total number throughout the paper, direct quotations and specific primary sources should always receive their own footnotes. Where it is possible, repetitive citations should be consolidated. Whenever feasible, cite print sources instead of electronic copies. Footnotes should be double-spaced. When citing multiple sources in a footnote, order them in accordance with their appearance in the paragraph. If the sources have no apparent order within the text, order them chronologically.

When prefacing additional references, use the phrase "See also." When prefacing one or two examples of many, use the phrase "For instance, see"; "and" should always precede the final entry in such a list.

When citing a source published in a city with a common name, include the state or country after the city's name (e.g. Cambridge, MA or Cambridge, UK). For state names, use the standard, two-letter code of the United States Postal Service. Inclusion of the publishing company's name is not necessary.

When referencing specific pages of a text, do not use abbreviations (e.g. p., pp., ff., idem, para., esp.), with the exception of "ch" or "chs" to indicate a specific chapter or chapters.

Use "ibid." to reference the same citation as in the previous footnote, but avoid it if there are several references in the previous footnote. Do not use "op. cit." or "passim" in footnotes.

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1. William L. Shirer, *20th Century Journey*, vol. III: *A Native's Return, 1945-1988* (New York, 1990), 138-139.
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Edited Works

1. David Farber, ed., *The Sixties: From Memory to History* (Chapel Hill, 1994).
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1. Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*, trans. Arthur Goldhammer (Cambridge, MA, 2014), 72.
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Reprints

1. F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby* (1925; New York, 2004), 7.
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Later editions

1. John King Fairbank, *The United States and China*, 4th ed. (Cambridge, MA, 1979), 143.
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2. King, "Loving Your Enemies," 386.

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2. Black, "American Labour and Chinese Immigration," 72.

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1. Hans Pols, "Anomie in the Metropolis: The City American Sociology and Psychiatry," *Osiris*, no. 18 (2003): 194-211, here 210.
2. Pols, "Anomie in the Metropolis," 210.

Newspaper articles

1. "Both Jazz Music and Jazz Dancing Barred From All Louisville Episcopal Churches," *New York Times*, Sept. 19, 1921, 16.
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Magazine articles

1. Mary Francis Robbins, "The Russian Woman Works Hard – At A Man's Job," *Rotarian*, Jan. 1957, 27-9, here 27.
2. Robbins, "Russian Woman Works Hard," 27.

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Book Reviews

1. Max Freedman, "A Criticism of Liberalism From Within," review of *The Age of Reform: From Bryan to F.D.R.*, by Richard Hofstadter, *Washington Post and Times Herald*, Oct. 16, 1955, E6.
2. Freedman, "Criticism of Liberalism From Within," E6.

Government and Legal Documents

Basic Government Document

1. Department of the Interior, *Decisions of the Department of the Interior and General Land Office in Cases Relating to the Public Lands, from July 1, 1886, to June 30, 1867*, vol. 5, ed. S. V. Proudfit (Washington, D.C., 1887), 2.

2. Department of the Interior, *Decisions of the Department of the Interior*, 1887, 2.

Congressional Records

1. *Congressional Record*, 92 Cong., 2nd sess., Dec. 21, 1972, 16-17.

Congressional Committee Reports

1. U.S. Congress, Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, *Activity of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary*, 80 Cong. 2nd sess., July 15, 1948, 8-10.
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Court Cases

1. *Bliss v. Harris*, 70 Ill. 343, here 345 (1873).
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