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For Students



“Writing a 10 page research paper Chicago Manual style? Lord help me plz”

“Literally, learning this on my own makes me wanna die.”

These real posts on [Twitter](#) show how you might feel when hit by the Big Orange for the first time. You need help, and you need it fast.

We hear you. We know the latest edition of *CMOS* runs to a crushing **1,146** pages. But don't despair! You probably only need to understand *a few* pages' worth in order to do a good job on your paper. Below are links to a variety of tip sheets, quick guides, and explanations about how to write in Chicago style.

Frequently asked questions

Below are *Shop Talk* posts that explain some of the basics of Chicago style.

- [What is Chicago style?](#)
- [Is Turabian style the same as Chicago style?](#)
- [How do I format my paper in Chicago Style?](#)
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Need a crash course in citations? Start here.

If you need to write a note or bibliography citation for books, articles, and other common sources, you can find examples to follow here.

[Quick guide to Turabian-style citations](#)

[Quick guide to Chicago-style citations](#)

Crafting a paper

If you are writing your first paper or trying to improve your skills, these one-page tip sheets are written with you in mind. Read the ones that interest you or [download all 26 topics in one PDF](#).

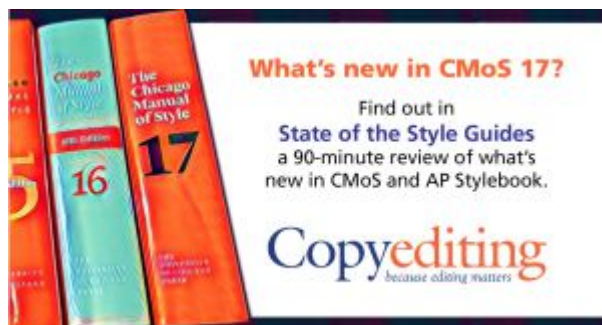
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