Citations & Notes

Footnotes, Endnotes or In-Text Citations?  Chicago Style does have an associated in-text citation format (see website below), but footnotes are almost always preferred in history writing over both endnotes and in-text references. Always ask your TF or Professor for course policy.

When do I need a citation?
• Use the common knowledge test.
• Citations should be included not just for specific facts or direct quotations, but also for paraphrases, method or narrative structure.
• Be flexible and give your reader lots of information about how you’ve used your sources. For example, if you’ve drawn broadly on a source in structuring your account, include a footnote that says something like, “In my description of [these events] I am indebted to [source].” Or, if you use a term or definition from a source throughout your paper, include a footnote when you first use it.

Footnote Format (Chicago)


Repeat footnotes: Use [Ibid., 105.] for consecutive notes or [Turabian, 17.] for nonconsecutive.

Bibliography Format (Chicago)


Writing with Sources, Writing Center:  http://isites.harvard.edu/fs/docs/icb.topic273248.files/WritingSourcesHarvard.pdf

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