

Citation Style for Papers

Many different citation styles exist. One of the easiest and simplest is the "science journal" style, which is what I want you to use in your papers. There are a number of permutations depending on the reference type.

Rule 1: embed the reference in the text with the form (author last name, year) .

President Bush recently stated "...these folks have to be punished...." (Gertz, 2001).

Rule 2: If the same author has more than one reference in a given year (as many journalists do) append a letter -- a,b,c, etc. -- to the year. (Gertz, 1999a; Gertz, 1992b).

Rule 3: You need a bibliography at the end of the paper that gives the full citation for each reference. The bibliography should be alphabetical by author last name. It takes the form:

for a journal article:

Author last name, first name (year) "Article Title," Journal Name [note: newspapers do not require Vol. or No.]

for a book:

Author last name, first name(year) Book Title (Publishing City: Publisher)

for material in an edited book:

Author last name, first name (year of edited book publication) "Chapter Title," in Author(s) of edited volume, ed. Title of Book ((Publishing City: Publisher)

Examples:

Clinton, William (1997) "Advancing our Interests through Engagement and Enlargement," in Peter Hays, Brenda Vallance, and Alan Van Tassel American Defense Policy (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press), 284-297.

Gertz, William (2001) "Bush Goes to War," Washington Times (September 12), 1.

Kuconis, John (2002) Flying is Way Cool (Colorado Springs: US Air Force Academy), 200-203.