AAA Documentation Style

The American Anthropological (AAA) Documentation Style is a close cousin of the Chicago Manual of Style (CMS). The AAA Style Manual, an online publication, offers anthropological writers and scholars guidelines on AAA variations from CMS style. This brief guide provides examples of the bibliographic format used by anthropologists. In the sample entries, note that unlike the formats used in other disciplines, book titles are not underlined; article titles are not surrounded by quotation marks; the date of publication precedes the title; and entries by the same author are arranged alphabetically by title. If you do not find an example of the type of citation you need, refer to the CMS. Note: Talk to your professor about specific formatting specifications for your class.

In-Text Guidelines for AAA

Give the author credit in the text in the following ways:

- Use quotation marks before and after the author’s words in a short quotation, always. Place quotation citations after the quote.
- Use the author’s full name in your text whenever possible. If you do not have this information, cite the author’s last name, either in the sentence introducing the borrowed material or within parentheses at the end of the quotation or paraphrase.
- Cite the year the document was published within parentheses (after the author’s name if it does not appear in your text). Follow the year with a colon; then note the page(s) on which the original information appears. (Note that there is no space between the colon and the page number(s). See examples below.)
- If you are citing reprinted material, type only the date from the version of the work used in your text.
- If a quotation takes up more than four manuscript lines, cite it as a block quotation. Exclude the quotation marks and use brackets instead of parentheses to enclose the bibliographic information. The brackets follow the sentence period.

Examples of In-Text Citations in AAA

Direct Quotes.

A source with one author (author cited in the text):
According to Yancey, sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (1995:23).

A source with one author (author cited in parentheses):
Sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (Yancey 1995:23).

A source with two authors:
Sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (Yancey and Meier 1995:23).
A source with three or more authors:

Sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (Yancey et al. 1995:23).

A note from a source cited in text:

Sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (Yancey 1995:23n. 12).

A work with no date:

Sports fans know that “the Final Four is the apex of college athletics” (Yancey n.d.:23).

Paraphrasing.

A paraphrased idea (general):

The concept of race, as utilized in the U.S., endures despite contemporary claims of its demise or decline in significance (Wilson 1978) as a primary means of human classification.

A paraphrased idea (specific):

The ways in which Cape Verdeans contrast themselves to African Americans are similar to that which is conducted by Caribbean immigrants (Waters 1999:27). The argument made to explain their apparent socioeconomic “success” through the vehicle of ethnicity is attributed to the experience of being raised in a “majority” environment.

A reference to an author and his/her work:

Oliver C. Cox (1948) was the earliest theorist to reconsider the relationship of race, class, and power within a Marxist perspective.

A reference to the text only:

Cox 1948 reconsiders the relationship of race, class, and power within a Marxist perspective.

References Cited Guidelines for AAA

- Title the page References Cited (with no quotation marks around the word, and no bold or italics).
- Arrange the sources in alphabetical order—by the last name of the first author listed on the source. References with the same author and date should be alphabetized by the title of the document.
- When there are two or more places of publication for a reference, list only the first.
- For student work, the References Cited page is generally double-spaced. However, in anthropological publications, the page is single-spaced. Check with your instructor to find out the spacing s/he prefers.
References Cited Examples for AAA

A book with one author:

Castles, Stephen

A coauthored book:

Bonacich, Edna, and John Modell

Author, with others (use first author for in-text citations):

Bonacich, Edna, with Mark Smith and Kathy Hunt

Multiple references in the same year (alphabetize by title):

Gallimore, Ronald

Work accepted for publication, but not yet published:

Spindler, George

Unpublished work (or work submitted for publication, but not yet accepted):

Smith, John

Ph.D. Dissertation or M.A. Thesis

D’Amato, John

Shimahara, Nobuo K.

Poveda, David
**Materials in archives:**

Egmont Manuscripts  

Davidson, William A.  
N.d. “On several occasions she would even join in our discussions.” Untitled paper, John P. Gillin Papers: Box 10.1. Peabody Museum Archives, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Ambasamudram Taluk  
1879 Settlement Register, TirunLeveli District. Archived material, Madras Archives, Chennai (Madras), Tamilnadu, India.

**Chapter in a book with editor(s):**

Rohlen, Thomas P.  

Price, T. Douglas  

**Article in a scholarly journal:**

Moll, Luis C.  

Heriot, M. Jean  

Heriot, M. Jean, ed.  

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1994 Newsweek, August 27:4, 11.

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Trinidad Guardian
1994 Trinidad Guardian, July 11.
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Horace Smith claims (letter to author, July 12, 1993)

Court Case

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(Doe v. U. Mich., 721 F. Supplement 852 [1989])

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