

## Citation Guide (MLA/APA/Chicago) PDF – Detailed Guide

### Overview

This guide provides clear, side-by-side comparisons of **MLA (9th ed.), APA (7th ed.), and Chicago (17th ed., Notes-Bibliography style)** for book reviews. Includes templates for in-text citations, reference entries, and formatting tips.

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### Quick Style Choice Guide

- **MLA:** Literature, humanities, arts.
- **APA:** Psychology, education, social sciences.
- **Chicago:** History, some humanities, publishing.

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### 1. In-Text Citations

#### MLA (Author-Page)

- **Basic format:** (Author Page)  
*Example:* (Fitzgerald 45)
- **Two authors:** (Smith and Jones 123)
- **No author:** Use shortened title (“Title” Page)  
*Example:* (“Review Format” 2)
- **Multiple works by same author:** (Author, Shortened Title Page)  
*Example:* (Morrison, *Beloved* 78)

#### APA (Author-Date-Page)

- **Basic format:** (Author, Year, p. Page)  
*Example:* (Fitzgerald, 1925, p. 45)

- **Two authors:** (Smith & Jones, 2020, p. 123)
- **No author:** Use shortened title (“Title,” Year, p. Page)  
*Example:* (“Formatting Guide,” 2025, p. 2)
- **Multiple works same author/year:** Add letters (2025a, 2025b)

### **Chicago (Footnote)**

- **First mention:** <sup>1</sup>Author Full Name, *Book Title* (Place: Publisher, Year), Page.  
*Example:* <sup>1</sup>F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby* (New York: Scribner, 1925), 45.
- **Subsequent mentions:** <sup>2</sup>Author Last Name, *Shortened Title*, Page.  
*Example:* <sup>2</sup>Fitzgerald, *Gatsby*, 72.
- **Ibid.:** If same source consecutively: <sup>3</sup>Ibid., Page.

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## **2. Reference List / Bibliography Entries**

### **MLA Works Cited**

#### **Book:**

Author Last, First. *Book Title*. Publisher, Year.

*Example:*

Morrison, Toni. *Beloved*. Alfred A. Knopf, 1987.

#### **Article in Journal:**

Author Last, First. “Article Title.” *Journal*, vol. #, no. #, Year, pages.

*Example:*

Smith, Jane. “Trauma in *Beloved*.” *Literature Today*, vol. 12, no. 3, 2010, pp. 45–67.

### **APA References**

**Book:**

Author Last, Initial. (Year). *Book title*. Publisher.

*Example:*

Morrison, T. (1987). *Beloved*. Alfred A. Knopf.

**Article in Journal:**

Author Last, Initial. (Year). Article title. *Journal*, volume(issue), pages.

*Example:*

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### 3. Citing the Book Being Reviewed

- **In-text:** Always cite page numbers for direct quotes.
- **Reference list:** Include the reviewed book as primary source.
- **Secondary sources:** If you cite other scholars, include them too.

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#### 4. Formatting the References Page

- **Title:** “Works Cited” (MLA), “References” (APA), “Bibliography” (Chicago).
- **Order:** Alphabetical by author last name.
- **Hanging indent:** All lines after first indented 0.5 inches.
- **Double-spaced:** Entire page.
- **DOIs/URLs:** Include for online sources (APA/Chicago).

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#### 5. Common Pitfalls & Fixes

- ✗ Missing page numbers in in-text citations → ✗ Always include for quotes.
- ✗ Incorrect author order → ✗ MLA: Full names; APA: Initials.
- ✗ Italics vs. quotes → ✗ Books italicized, articles in quotes.
- ✗ Forgetting hanging indent → ✗ Format paragraph settings.
- ✗ Mixing styles → ✗ Stick to one style consistently.

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#### 6. Sample Citation Blocks

##### MLA Block:

###### Works Cited

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *\*The Great Gatsby\**. Scribner, 1925.

Smith, Jane. "Reading Gatsby Today." *\*Journal of American Studies\**, vol. 50, no. 2, 2016, pp. 123–45.

##### APA Block:

###### References

Fitzgerald, F. S. (1925). *\*The great Gatsby\**. Scribner.

Smith, J. (2016). Reading Gatsby today. *\*Journal of American Studies\**,  
\*50\*(2), 123–145. <https://doi.org/xxxxx>

**Chicago Block:**

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