Chicago & Turabian Formatting

Citing sources properly is an essential writing skill that helps you demonstrate credibility to other scholars and directs your readers to your sources. Chicago style is used for both academic and professional publications. Turabian style is a modified version of Chicago style, designed specifically for students and collegiate writing. This handout follows guidelines from the Turabian manual, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 8th Edition*, is listed in parentheses.

General Format (A.1)

Font (A.1.2): Readable, standard size (e.g., Times New Roman or Helvetica, 12 pt. font)

Line Spacing (A.1.3): Double spaced throughout, except block quotes, tables/figures, and appendix lists

Margins (A.1.1): 1-inch margins on all sides

In *Democracy and Other Neoliberal Fantasies*, Jodi Dean argues that “imagining a rhizome might be nice, but rhizomes don’t describe the underlying structure of real networks,” rejecting the idea that there is such a thing as a nonhierarchical interconnectedness that structures our contemporary world and means of communication.

Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, on the other hand, argue that the Internet is an example of the rhizome: a nonhierarchical, noncentered network—a democratic network with “an indeterminate and potentially unlimited number of interconnected nodes [that] communicate with no central point of control.” What is at stake in settling this dispute? Being, And, knowledge and power in that being. More specifically, this paper explores how a theory of social ontology has evolved to theories of social ontologies, how the modernist notion of global understanding of individuals working toward a common (rationalized and objectively knowable) goal became pluralistic postmodern theories embracing the idea of local networks. Furthermore, what this summary journey of theoretical evolution allows for is a consideration of why understandings of a world comprising emergent networks need be of concern to composition instructors and their practical activities in the classroom: networks produce knowledge.

Our journey begins with early modernism, and if early modernism had a theme, it was enmesh. This focus on oneness or unity, on the whole rather than on individual parts, derived from Enlightenment thinking: “The project [of modernity] amounted to an extraordinary intellectual


Header (A.1.4): Include a page number for each page except the title page. Put the number in the top right corner, or centered at the bottom of the page.

In-Text Citations (15.3.1 & 15.3.2): If using bibliography style citations (shown), include superscript numbers at the end of sentences in which a source is used. Each superscript number corresponds to a footnote (shown) or endnote (not shown).

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Two Citation Styles (15.3)

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To determine which citation style to use, consult with your instructor or consult publications in your field. Whichever style you use, remember to be consistent with your citation style throughout your text.

Bibliography Style Citations (15.3.1)

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Example (in-text): According to one scholar, “The railroads had made Chicago the most important meeting place between East and West.”

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Example (in-text citation): According to William Cronon (1991, 131), “The railroads had made Chicago the most important meeting place between East and West.”
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