# A Geographer’s Reference Style Sheet

*Geographers reference things all the time in their work. References should be consistent. They should conform to the format of the publication. They should support the points that the geographer is trying to communicate. This handout will provide you with some basic tools for referencing when you write and publish materials. Here, we will primarily address reference styles for academic journals.*

## What to know about citations and references

* Styles vary among publications.
* Authors can view an academic journal’s reference and citation formats in the “Instructions for Authors” page, which is typically located on the website and/or within the physical issue.
* When determining the style of in-text citations and references, authors should look out for the following things:
  + If the titles are in CAPs-case or in Sentence case
    - CAPs: *10 Reasons Why You Should Leave the United States*
    - Sentence: *10 reasons why you should leave the United States*
  + Where to put the punctuation (*i.e.*, semicolons, colons, commas, periods)
  + How the citations should be written out:
    - Footnotes
      * Given as a at the bottom of each page where they are cited), with a number/symbol at the end of the sentence.[[1]](#footnote-1)
    - Endnotes
      * Similar to footnotes, except all of the references are given at the end of the paper), with a number/symbol at the end of the sentence.[[2]](#endnote-1)
    - Bibliography
      * This is one of the most common citation formats used by geographers. Typically, the in-text citation includes a reference with the author’s/organization’s name and the date of publication.
      * If I were to cite this document in the body text, then I would normally place it at the end of the sentence (Larsen 2018). If I wanted to refer to this document in the actual sentence, then I would say something like, “Larsen (2018) initiated the movement toward a more geographically literate Texas education system.”

1. A footnote is placed at the bottom of each page where the in-text reference is located. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. An endnote can be numbered and placed at the end of the body text, like this example.

   *For this class, we will use the bibliography format. You will provide the in-text reference as well as the full-text citation at the end of the document. Below, we provide template examples for what a bibliography looks like if a geographer were to publish for the American Association of Geographers (AAG). Detailed descriptions of how to cite each reference can be located in the AAG Style Sheet:* [*http://www.aag.org/galleries/publications-files/Annals\_of\_the\_AAG\_Style\_Sheet.pdf*](http://www.aag.org/galleries/publications-files/Annals_of_the_AAG_Style_Sheet.pdf)*.*

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