

Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace

14.8 Dates vs. Volume & Issue Numbers

Volume and page numbers may not be enough to relocate material. Many local or privately published periodicals, as well as magazines and newspapers, begin renumbering each issue with “page 1.” The result is duplicate sets of page numbers in a volume that contains several issues.

To identify the specific issue, researchers typically use the date of the issue or, sometimes, the issue number.

Evidence Style identifies issues by their dates rather than issue numbers, because unrecognized typing errors are more common with numbers than with words. When an issue number is mistyped and no month or season is specified, it can be difficult to relocate the material—especially when a publication is rare.

14.9 Dates vs. Volume: Variances by Type

Journal citations handle date/volume/issue data differently than citations for most popular magazines and newspapers. The common distinctions are these:

JOURNALS

Identify volume number, then add the month of publication in parentheses:

1. Jon Butler, “Magic, Astrology, and the Early American Religious Heritage,” *American Historical Review* 84 (April 1979): 317–46.

NEWSPAPERS & “POPULAR” MAGAZINES

Identify by exact date of publication, not by volume and issue numbers. Do not place the date in parentheses. Instead, treat it as another item in the series of items being separated by commas, as with the magazine and newspaper examples below:

2. Joyce Wolkomir and Richard Wolkomir, “When Bandogs Howl & Spirits Walk,” *Smithsonian*, January 2001, 39–44.
3. Dolores Flaherty and Roger Flaherty, “The Struggle to Save Antiquity for Posterity,” *Chicago Sun-Times*, 4 May 2003, 14.

14.10 Edition, Page & Column References

Modern citations rarely add *page*, *p.* or *p. no.* before the actual page reference. However, if you are referencing works that have other numbers to be cited, such as columns, then a citation such as “p. 5, col. 3” will clarify your intent. In your citation, you may spell out those words or abbreviate them.