

SSP100.001 *Democracy Inaction*: Citing Primary and Secondary Sources

The system of citation of classical texts is somewhat messy and confusing, largely because 18th-21st century scholars have referenced ancient Greek and Roman texts in various ways for hundreds of years. Although today's methods approach uniformity, you have already encountered in your readings a variety of approaches to citation. The system below offers you an easy guide to citing ancient Greek (and occasionally) Roman authors, as well as modern scholars (and the occasions when modern scholarship incorporates ancient texts as well).

Primary Sources: ancient literature

Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey* usually are cited with author, work (abbreviated), book and lines numbers:

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Abbreviated Citation</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>
Homer <i>Iliad</i> 1.10	Hom. <i>Il.</i> 1.10	Homer's <i>Iliad</i> , book 1, line 10
Homer <i>Odyssey</i> 2.44-56	Hom. <i>Od.</i> 2.44-56	Homer's <i>Odyssey</i> , book 2, lines 44-56

You can employ this system, although your text does not specify the lines, and so to be this specific you will either need to consult a different translation of Homer's poems to find the appropriate lines you wish to cite, or use the following:

If you're referring to an entire passage at once:

Homer *Iliad* 2.1-282 (in *Ancient Greek Democracy: Readings and Sources*, ed. E.W. Robinson (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004), pp. 15-21.

If you're referring to a specific section on p. 17

Homer *Iliad* 2.1-282 (in *Ancient Greek Democracy: Readings and Sources*, ed. E.W. Robinson (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004), pp. 17.

Aristotle's *Athenian Constitution* is broken down into "chapters" in Robinson's book, as it is in the edition of Aristotle's work which you purchased separately. Since Robinson provides chapter numbers, you need not note that the passage is in Robinson's edition. Cite as follows; the same hold for the passages from Herodotus and Thucydides:

<u>Citation</u>	<u>Abbreviated Citation</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>
Aristotle <i>Athenian Constitution</i> 5-6	Arist. <i>AC</i> 5-6	Aristotle's <i>Athenian Constitution</i> chapters 5-6
Herodotus <i>Histories</i> 5.67	Hdt. 5.67	Herodotus' <i>Histories</i> book 5, chap. 67
Thucydides <i>History of the Peloponnesian War</i> 6.57-58	Thuc. 6.57-58	Thucydides' <i>History</i> , bk. 6, chaps. 57-58

NOTE: as long as you cite the works properly, you need not include the ancient sources in your bibliography.

Secondary Sources: modern scholarship

The only scholarship you will have read for this first papers is contained in Eric W. Robinson's text. Here's how you cite an article as in in-line citation, a footnote or endnote:

Citation

Morris 1996, 54-55, in Robinson 2004

Equivalent

Ian Morris' original 1996 article, as reprinted and edited by Robinson, pages 54-55

You will then include Morris' article in the "Bibliography," which you can also title "Works Cited." Please include only works that you have cited directly in your paper, not other works that you have read but have not informed your paper substantively.

Here's how you cite Morris' article in the "Works Cited" page:

Morris, I. "Equality and the Origins of Greek Democracy." *Ancient Greek Democracy: Readings and Sources*. Ed. E.W. Robinson. Oxford: Blackwell, 2004. 45-75.

Here's how you cite something Robinson wrote as an in-line citation, a footnote or endnote:

Citation

Robinson 2004, 5-6

Equivalent

Robinson's comments on pages 5-6 of the introduction

Here's how you cite Robinson's comments in the "Works Cited" page:

Robinson, E.W., ed. *Ancient Greek Democracy: Readings and Sources*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2004.

For additional information, see the Classics Department's on-line materials via the homepage at <http://www.skidmore.edu/classics/citation.html>.

Citations and Punctuation

In-line citations – note the location of the quotation marks and punctuation:

- "... the reforms of Kleisthenes" (Arist. AC 14).
- ... mob action (Ober 1993, 94, in Robinson 2004).

Footnotes – note the location of the quotation marks, punctuation and footnote, and the punctuation at the end of the note below (all footnotes must end with a period):

- "... the reforms of Kleisthenes."¹
- ... mob action.²

¹ Arist. AC 14.

² Ober 1993, 94, in Robinson 2004.