Contributors’ Guide


Spelling, hyphenation, and punctuation should follow American rather than British rules. AJIS follows Merriam Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary, 10th or 11th edition.

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- Format your page for one-inch margins all around.
- Type using “Times New Roman” font in regular style, size 12.
- Double-space the entire document including endnotes and bibliography.
- Number the pages of your essay and include your name on each page.
- Use left alignment for the entire document. Do not use justified alignment.
- Start flush left after section breaks or subheadings. Add one line before and after all subheadings. Capitalize all nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc, in subheadings but not conjunctions or articles.
- Hard tab to indent. Do not use the space bar.
- Close en-dashes (e.g. 1969-1972) but leave em-dashes open (text — text).
- Be consistent in spacing; one space after colons and periods is preferred.
- Place all commas and periods inside of quotation marks. Quotation marks should angle toward text. Quotations of more than sixty words should be indented.
- Turn off auto-hyphenation; no soft hyphens, only use hyphens for compound words.
- Make sure to remove any annotations, comments, or hidden text before submitting the entry. Also, if you have used the “Track Changes” feature, please be sure to accept all changes before submitting so that there are no revision marks in the final document.

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For dates, use the following format: “July 1950” or “March 17, 1911” (American style). For decades, do not use apostrophes in years; instead use “the twenties” or “the 1920s,” not “the ‘20s.” Hyphenate prefixes before digits: mid-1990s (not mid 1990s).

Numbers less than 100 and two-word numbers should generally be written out (e.g. forty-three years), otherwise use Arabic numerals unless a number is the first word in a sentence, or it is in a direct quote or a title. Arabic numerals should always be used for addresses and measurements (e.g. 6 West 4th Street, 7 miles). In number ranges, use all digits even if repeated: 456–459 (not 456–9).

Please include commas in numbers between 10,000 and 1 million; for numbers 1 million and larger, please write out “million,” “billion,” etc. (e.g. $4.3 billion).

In humanistic copy, the word percent is used (4 percent); in statistical or in humanistic with numerous percentage figures, the % symbol is used. There should be no space between % symbol and number.

Please use imperial measurements (mph, in., ft., lbs., etc.).

SPELLING, CAPITALIZATION, HYPHENATION

Use American spelling (vs. British) except for proper nouns

Spell out United States when used as a noun; abbreviate as U.S. not US when an adjective.

anti-immigration
anti-Treaty
de-anglicizing
Fenianism
Irish America (noun)
Irish-American experience (adj)
Irish-born (noun)

Mid-nineteenth-century politics (adj)
Northern Ireland
Paddy
Pale
Scotch-Irish (n)
Famine, the Famine; a famine
de Valera

ENDNOTES

Full citation in first instance, short form for all subsequent references. The short form is Last name, Title (four words max), pg#.
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