

# The BAKER STREET JOURNAL *Style Sheet*

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The BAKER STREET JOURNAL, being an Irregular Quarterly, tolerates a certain amount of diversity of style in its monographs. However, consistency is necessary in a few important areas. This brief style sheet is presented as a guide to authors submitting essays.

## Citations

Use endnotes, not footnotes, in the following patterns:

- **Books:** Author (first then last), book, place, publisher and year of edition used, page number:  
Vincent Starrett, *The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes*, New York: Otto Penzler Books, 1993, p. 200.
- **Articles in books:** Author (first then last), article, book, place, editor, publisher, date, page:  
Christopher Morley, "Was Sherlock Holmes an American?," *221B: Studies in Sherlock Holmes*, ed. Vincent Starrett, New York: Simon and Schuster, 1944, p. 13.
- **Periodicals:** Author (first then last), article, publication, volume, date, page number:  
Russell Merritt, "The Doubleday Omnibus Edition: 'The Madman's Sherlock Holmes,'" BAKER STREET JOURNAL, Vol. 71, No. 1 (Spring 2021), p. 31.
- **Website:** web address, date accessed:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Sign\\_of\\_the\\_Four](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sign_of_the_Four) (accessed 9 Mar. 2021).

## Frequently used words

221B, not 221b.

Capitalize "Canon," but not "canonical."

Use "Conan Doyle" on second reference, not "Doyle" except in direct quotes.

## Spelling and Punctuation

Use American spelling and usage.

Use the Oxford or serial comma. Write "books, films, and TV shows," not "books, films and TV shows."

Use "Sherlock Holmes's" for the possessive, not "Holmes'."

Use numerals for ordinal numbers, as in "19<sup>th</sup> century" rather than "nineteenth-century."

## Titles

Titles of books and most periodicals are italicized (as in *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *Sherlock Holmes Journal*). Names of ships, such as the *Gloria Scott*, are also italicized.

The BAKER STREET JOURNAL is written in the small caps Font function of Word, including second references as the JOURNAL. The abbreviated form is bold-faced normal caps as **BSJ**.

Titles of short stories appear in double quotes. Titles of canonical short stories appear in full rather than using the four-letter Christ abbreviations. However, "The Adventure of" is not used (as in "The Speckled Band," "The Blue Carbuncle").