

Style Guide for the Rehumanize Blog & *Life Matters Journal*, a publication of Rehumanize International

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We are working to create a culture of peace and life and in so doing, to bring an end to all aggressive violence against humanity through education, discourse, and action.

Life Matters Journal and Rehumanize Blog submissions ideally prompt discussion or condense an aspect of or event related to one of the issues we cover into a summary or analysis. The Rehumanize Blog and the print magazine *Life Matters Journal* draw attention to issues of aggressive violence and threats to human dignity including but not limited to: abortion, euthanasia, sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse, the death penalty, embryonic stem cell research, torture, police brutality, and unjust war.

All submissions are subject to editing by our Editor in Chief, and may be altered for length, readability, or precision by our copy-editors. All submissions will be acknowledged within 10 business days. If you have not heard back within 1 month about acceptance, please feel free to follow up.

To submit, please email a google document or in-line submission to mcswalt@rehumanizeintl.org.

Compensation: Rehumanize International compensates writers for accepted submissions through an honorarium for each piece published. The payment scale is as follows:

- 300-499 words: \$15
- 500-799 words: \$25
- 800-999 words: \$40
- 1000+ words: \$50

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Types and Examples of Desired Submissions

Type of Submission	Description	Example topics
Current Events	These pieces are similar to those of the news media but with a Consistent Life Ethic analysis. Cite primary sources whenever possible. Avoid relying on unreliable or highly politicized news sources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High-profile legal cases - Laws and enforcement - Ongoing political campaigns - Demonstrations/rallies - Developments in foreign or domestic policy
International Feature	An analysis/insight into an international event, law, or cultural policy or norm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ireland's abortion referendum - Iranian death penalty laws
Academic Essay	Essays are generally longer pieces that maintain a narrative point of view, explaining a topic, historical event, or perspective from a neutral standpoint.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How two issues are related - Further research into a specific topic, such as alternatives to ESCR
Personal Narrative	A personal story about your own experiences defending life or joining the Consistent Life Ethic cause.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal experience related to any topic within our mission - A conversion-to-life story
Opposing Views	A brief reflection on the positions for/against a given topic. These are solicited directly from our editorial team. Please do not submit an unsolicited opposing views piece.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For/against abolitionism vs. incrementalism
Media Review	A review of a movie, book, TV show, video game, or more through the lens of the Consistent Life Ethic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewing a movie - Analyzing the themes and lyrics in a song

General Format for Submissions

1. All text submissions should be grammar-checked and double-spaced, and they should include the author's name, contact information, and suggested title at the top.
2. Submit all pieces as Google Docs documents. If you are submitting more than one, put each in an individual document.
3. Please check for consistent verb tense throughout your piece, so readers and editors can better understand your work.
4. Please insert only one space in between sentences. This is critical for uniformity; spacing sentences the same throughout your piece will save time for the editorial team.
5. Please **highlight in yellow** any italicized words. This helps our layout designer accurately format your piece.
6. Em dashes should be formatted as such: *word* — *word*. Please use an actual em dash, which can be found:
 - a. By typing two hyphens (--) in Microsoft Word
 - b. By inserting the em dash symbol included in Word
 - c. By typing “alt+0151” on a PC
 - d. By typing “shift+option+hyphen” on a Mac



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7. If you are writing an essay or news article, then you must cite your sources. The *Life Matters Journal* editorial team has selected the Chicago Manual of Style as our guide to citations.
8. **A note on citations:** Because we now publish many articles both in the magazine and on the Rehumanize Blog, citations should be formatted in two ways (both, not either/or). **Please hyperlink all citations in-text and then include a works cited list at the end of your article.** For example:

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Works cited:

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2. Perlman, Merrill. “Merriam-Webster and OED Add New Words: Lorem Ipsum, TL;DR, and More.” Columbia Journalism Review. Accessed May 4, 2021. https://www.cjr.org/language_corner/lorem-ipsum-tldr.php.

Using the Chicago Manual of Style

Here are the requirements for writing endnotes. These are taken from Purdue University's Online Writing Laboratory's guide. For further information and more details on how to cite sources, check out the OWL's webpage on the Chicago Manual of Style (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/>) or the Chicago Manual of Style Online's website (<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>).

- Include an endnote each time you use a source (direct quote or summary/paraphrase). Endnotes are at the end of the document.
 - (If you do not know how to format endnotes using your word processing program, footnotes are acceptable.)
- At the end of a sentence including a quote or fact that requires citation, insert a sequentially superscripted number after the final punctuation mark. At the end of the document, the corresponding number should include the information usually used in a works cited.
- For the first note for each source, include *all* relevant information about the source: author's full name, source title, etc. After that, simply include the author's last name, a short form of the title (if the title is more than four words) and page numbers, if your source has them.

Chicago citation style for some of the more common types of sources is as follows:

Book: Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* (New York: Penguin, 2006), 99-100.

Chapter in edited book: Linda Fleming, "The Irish in America," *Studies in Ethnicity*, ed. Nathan Glazer (London: Cape, 1989), 35.

Newspaper/magazine articles: Jill Lepore, "Fake Memoirs, Factual Fictions, and the History of History," *New Yorker*, March 24, 2008, 81.

Website page/item: "McDonald's Happy Meal Toy Safety Facts," McDonald's Corporation, accessed July 19, 2008, <http://www.mcdonalds.com/corp/about/factsheets.html>.

Blog entry: Amy Green, "What RPGs Taught Me about Weakness," *The Monday Heretic* (blog), September 20, 2015, <https://themondayheretic.wordpress.com/2015/09/20/what-rpgs-taught-me-about-weakness/>

Interview/personal communication: Andrew Macmillan (principal adviser, Investment Center Division, FAO), in discussion with the author, September 24, 2015.

OR

Andrew Macmillan (principal adviser, Investment Center Division, FAO), email message to author, September 24, 2015.

- **Citing the same source & page numbers twice or more in a row? Write "Ibid."**
 - **Citing the same source but a different page number? Use "Ibid, pg#"**
- Endnote formula: "#. " For example, "4. " (without quotation marks). **Please do not use Roman numerals.**