

**Alabama Review Style Sheet
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a historian

act/Act (Restrictive Act of 1832, but 1832 act)

African American (no hyphen in any case)

a.m./p.m.

Alabamians

amendment, but Twenty-fourth Amendment

American Party

Anglo-American

anti-abolitionist

antislavery

army

army reserve corps

Auburn University at Montgomery

Battle of Gettysburg, Battle of the Bulge

Bible Belt

Big Mules

Birmingham District; the District

Black Belt (adj.: Black-Belt)

Black Power movement

Bourbons

black power

circa abbrev. as "ca." not "c."

Cahaba (for town, add parenthetical statement to 1st mention "originally spelled Cahawba.")

Cahaba River

carpetbagger

chapter abbrev. as chap. not ch.

civil rights movement

Cold War

Communist Party; the party

Confederate Army, Confederacy

Confederate states, the

"X" Congressional District

Congress (cap.)

congressman (lc)

convict lease system

dates: use month, day, year form, i.e., October 22, 1948

in headline, use all numbers for a spread of years. i.e. 1933-1940

questionable date: (1868?-1941)

de Soto, Hernando (for last name only, use "de Soto," not "Soto")

Deep South (caps.)

Democratic Party; the party

the depression (but the Great Depression)

Du_Bois, W. E. B.

Du Bois's

Eastern Hemisphere

ex-Confederate

federal government

Federals, Federal troops

fire eater as n.; fire-eater as adj.

GI (government issue)

Gilded Age

the Great Depression

Gulf South

grass roots; grass-roots system

HarperCollins

hopefully (Use only as adverb meaning "with hope"; do not use to mean "I hope" or "it is to be hoped.")

Ibid., ibid. (no italics, include period)

Know-Nothing Party

Jr. – do not set off with coma: Martin Luther King Jr.

laypeople

Lee's army

the Lost Cause

Louisianans (not Louisianians)

Lower Creeks (noun); Lower Creek (adj.)

Lower South (caps.)

master's degree

military grades: abbreviate with full name, but do not abbreviate with surname only; for example, Maj. Edward Nicholls, but Major Nicholls

military regiments: Eleventh Alabama, 137th Alabama. Spell out numbers under 100. (CMS 9.52)

Montgomery bus boycott

national party (lc, as opposed to the state party of Democrats or Republicans)

Native Americans, Native American (adj.)

New South

New South Creed

nicknames: Charlotte "Lottie" Barnes

non-slaveholding

non-southerner

north Alabama

northern, northerner (lc)

numbers: 137th, NOT 137th — also applies to military regiments, i.e. the Fifteenth Alabama (CMS 9.52)

Old South

Old Southwest (caps.)

passim (no ital.)

postbellum (no hyphen)

pre–World War I (en dash instead of hyphen) (CMS 6.85)

Progressive movement

Prohibition movement

radical Republicans; radicals

radical Reconstruction

Reconstruction, Reconstruction Era

redeemers

reenslave

Republican Party; the party

the reverend; the Reverend William Kimbrell (8.29)

[sic]

sectional crisis – acceptable term for the Civil War
the School of Education, the school. (CMS 8.73)
the South
south Alabama
the Southeast (uc)
southeastern
Southern Tenant Farmers' Union
southern, southerner (lc)
Sr. – do not set off with coma (i.e.: Ben Davis Sr.)
states' rights; states'-rights (adj.)

The University of Alabama
The University of Alabama at Birmingham
The University of Alabama in Huntsville
theater of war
Third World
traveled
Tuskegee Institute (in note: Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, founded July 4, 1881. Became Tuskegee University in 1985. Source: <http://www.tuskegee.edu>.)

Union Army
Unionism, Unionists
Upper Creeks (noun); Upper Creek (adj.)
Upper South
U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, Confederate Army (but the army, the navy, McLellen's army)

vice president

Western civilization
Western Hemisphere
Wind Clan
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
woman suffrage
Wiregrass

Rules:

No comma before Jr./Sr.
Do not use “she” or “her” when discussing anything but women. A boat is “it,” and so is Alabama.