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Always use American spelling rather than British (except in quoted material).

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7. Mullins, Glazed America, 97.
Example, CMS Notes and Bibliography style, bibliography entry:

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. . . later became an elaborate systems of constructed waterways (Marquardt and Walker 2012).

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Include acknowledgments at the end of each chapter, if appropriate.

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Tables should always be numbered. In books with many tables and in multiauthor volumes, double-number them to include the chapter number (tables in chapter 1 should be numbered as Table 1.1, Table 1.2, Table 1.3, etc.; tables in chapter 2 should be numbered as Table 2.1, Table 2.2, etc.).

- Save each table as a separate file, named by its number (table 1.1, etc.).

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