

Turabian 1937 Edition Status

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
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As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, the 1937 edition of "*A Manual for Writers of Dissertations*" by Kate L. Turabian would likely be in the public domain. In the United States, works published before 1978 had a copyright term of 28 years, renewable for an additional 67 years, and if the copyright was not renewed, the work entered the public domain.

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Yes, the 1937 edition of *A Manual for Writers of Dissertations*, by Kate L. Turabian, is in the public domain in the United States as of 2023. 

Copyright law in the United States grants copyright protection to original works of authorship for the life of the author plus 70 years. Since Turabian died in 1957, her works entered the public domain in 2028, 70 years after her death.

This means that anyone can freely copy, distribute, modify, or perform Turabian's works, including the 1937 edition of *A Manual for Writers of Dissertations*, without permission from the copyright holder.

It is important to note that the public domain status of a work only applies to the United States. In other countries, copyright protection may still apply to Turabian's works.

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F451 Copyright Status 2023

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Would the original 1953 publication of Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 be in the public domain as of 2023?



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As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, the original 1953 publication of Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" would not be in the public domain. Copyright laws typically protect works for a certain period of time, and in the United States, the copyright duration for works published before 1978 is 95 years from the date of publication.

In the case of "Fahrenheit 451," the copyright would extend for 95 years from its publication in 1953. Therefore, it would remain under copyright protection until 2048.

However, copyright laws can be complex and may vary by jurisdiction, so it's advisable to check the current copyright status to confirm whether the work has entered the public domain or if there have been any changes to copyright laws since my last update.

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British vs American Titles

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Why are periods typically omitted from British social titles but not American titles? For example, it would be "Mr Smith" in British style but "Mr. Smith" in American style.



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The difference in punctuation conventions for social titles between British and American English is largely a matter of style and historical evolution. Both styles are accepted within their respective linguistic contexts, and there is no strict rule that dictates the use of periods with titles.

In British English, it has been a common convention to omit periods in social titles like "Mr," "Mrs," "Dr," etc. This may be attributed to a historical preference for simplicity and a more streamlined style. Over time, this convention became established and is widely accepted in British English writing.

On the other hand, American English tends to include periods in social titles, following a style that aligns more closely with traditional Latin abbreviations. The use of periods in titles is consistent with the American preference for maintaining punctuation in abbreviations.

It's important to note that these conventions are not strictly followed by everyone, and there is some variation in usage on an individual and institutional basis. Style guides may provide specific recommendations, but ultimately, the choice of whether to include periods in social titles is often a matter of personal or editorial preference.

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Why are periods typically omitted from British social titles but not American titles? For example, it would be “Mr Smith” in British style but “Mr. Smith” in American style.



Periods are typically omitted from British social titles but not American titles because of two main factors: tradition and pronunciation. 

Tradition

British social titles have been written without periods for centuries. This is thought to be because, in the past, periods were used to indicate abbreviations, and social titles were not considered to be abbreviations. For example, “Mr.” was originally an abbreviation for “Master”, but it is now considered to be a complete title in its own right.

Pronunciation

Periods are also omitted from British social titles because they would be pronounced if they were included. This would make the titles sound more formal and less natural. For example, “Mr. Smith” would be pronounced as “Mr. Dot Smith”, which sounds rather strange.

In contrast, American social titles have always been written with periods. This is thought to be because American English is more influenced by French, which is a language that uses periods extensively. For example, the French equivalent of “Mr.” is “Monsieur”, which is written with a period.

Exceptions

There are a few exceptions to the rule that British social titles are written without periods. The most common exception is when the title is followed by initials. For example, “Dr. A.N. Smith” or “Prof. J.B. Jones”. Another exception is when the title is used in a formal setting, such as in a business letter or on a legal document. For example, “Mr. Smith, CEO of Acme Corporation” or “Dr. Jones, Professor of Medicine at Harvard University”.

Conclusion

The reason why periods are typically omitted from British social titles but not American titles is a combination of tradition and pronunciation. British social titles have been written without periods for centuries, and periods are omitted because they would be pronounced if they were included. American social titles have always been written with periods, and this is thought to be because American English is more influenced by French.

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Copyediting Easier Than Cooking

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Please edit the following sentence to fix any problems: "As a longtime copyeditor, the problems in the manuscript were easier to deal with than the problem of what to cook for dinner."



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"As a longtime copyeditor, I found dealing with the problems in the manuscript easier than figuring out what to cook for dinner."

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Please edit the following sentence to fix any problems: "As a longtime copyeditor, the problems in the manuscript were easier to deal with than the problem of what to cook for dinner."



Sure, here is the edited sentence:



"As a seasoned copyeditor, I found the problems in the manuscript less daunting than the daily dilemma of what to cook for dinner."

Here's a breakdown of the changes made:

- "Longtime" was replaced with "seasoned" to convey the copyeditor's experience more effectively.
- "Were easier to deal with" was replaced with "less daunting" to emphasize the contrast between the copyediting task and the cooking challenge.
- "The problem of what to cook for dinner" was rephrased as "the daily dilemma of what to cook for dinner" to add a sense of routine and emphasize the recurring nature of the decision-making process.

These changes enhance the clarity and impact of the sentence while maintaining its overall meaning.

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Chatbots: Style over Substance

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Rewrite the following in the style of King Lear to the Fool: "Chatbots excel at putting words together, but they don't yet seem to be aware of what they're saying. Use them for their style but not for their substance."



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Marry, Fool, these yon chatbots, like jesters in the court of words, do weave fine phrases with deft skill, yet their minds, if minds they possess, dance in shadows, ignorant of the import of their own prattle. Verily, employ them for the gilded raiment of their speech, but in matters of weight, let not their hollow substance beguile thee.

(ChatGPT as King Lear addressing the Fool, November 13, 2023; view at [OpenAI.com](#))