**NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS**

**NoodleTools Express** is a website that helps you with your citations (APA, MLA, or Chicago).

Use it to generate citations for almost any type of source: databases, web sites, books, blogs, videos, magazine articles, email messages, images, personal interviews, speeches, tweets, and more.

Then copy and paste the citations into your research paper.

**NOTE:** *Many of the library databases provide citations. Unfortunately, these citations aren’t always accurate. If you copy/paste a database citation, make sure you consult another source (such as NoodleTools) to identify and correct any mistakes.*

**ACCESSING NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS**

Go to the NoodleTools website at [www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php](http://www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/express.php)

It is also linked on the MCC library webpage:

1. Go the library webpage: [www.mccneb.edu/library](http://www.mccneb.edu/library)
2. Scroll down past the tabs, look under Research Links (middle column), and click on Citing Sources.
3. Look under MLA Style and click on NoodleTools Express: MLA.
4. At the next screen you may need to click on MLA.

**USING NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS**

1. Use the drop-down menu to select the source **type**. Are you citing a magazine, a reference source (such as an encyclopedia), a newspaper, a journal, or a web site, etc.?

2. Then use the tabs above the form to select the **format**. Are you citing a print copy of the source, or did you find it on the web, or in a database, etc.?
Examples:

a) **EBOOK**

Select **Book > Database**

- **URL:** Don’t include the initial `https://`
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier):** Leave this blank as eBooks aren’t normally assigned a DOI.

b) **WEB PAGE WITHIN A WEBSITE**

Select **Website** (the form automatically defaults to **Web Page**)

- **URL:** Don’t include the initial `http://` or `https://`
NOTE: The web is a **format** not a source **type**. If you are citing a photograph, interview, or other specific type of source you found on the web, you will need to select the appropriate source type from the menu.

**c) MAGAZINE ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE**

Select Magazine > Database

- **URL**: Don’t include the initial `https://`
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier)**: Leave this blank as eBooks aren’t normally assigned a DOI.
d) JOURNAL ARTICLE FROM A DATABASE

Select Journal > Database

- **URL**: Provide this only if the record does not include a DOI. Otherwise, leave the box empty. If you do provide the permalink don’t include the initial https://
- **DOI (Digital Object Identifier)**: If the record includes a DOI, provide it instead of the URL. Otherwise, leave the box empty.

If the article has been assigned a DOI, you will see a line labeled DOI in the database record:
3. Complete the form by filling in the box for each element of your citation.
   - **Be sure to click inside a box before typing anything!** This opens a popup box with more information. For example, clicking inside the **title** box opens a popup box with more information on which words to capitalize.

![Article title box](image)

4. Note that you can add an **annotation** to your citation, if required by your instructor.

![Annotation box](image)

5. When finished, click on **Submit**.

6. **NoodleTools** then displays a citation you can copy/paste.

   *NOTE: Some formatting may be lost during the process (italics, line spacing, hanging indent, etc.). Be sure to compare your copied citation with the NoodleTools citation.*

   ![MLA (8th ed.) Citation (Journal)](image)