**NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS**

_NoodleTools Express_ is a step-by-step tutorial that walks you through 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: Most of the library databases provide citations. Unfortunately, because these citations are machine-generated they aren’t always accurate (some words are capitalized when they shouldn’t be, some magazine articles are cited as journal articles, etc.). 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 [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: [webapps.mccneb.edu/library](http://webapps.mccneb.edu/library)
2. Look under **Research Help** (on the far left menu) 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** (sometimes step 3 takes you directly into the MLA tutorial but other times it takes you to a list of citation styles).

**USING NOODLETOOLS EXPRESS**

1. Use the drop-down menu to select the source **type** (magazine, reference source, newspaper, journal, web site, etc.).

   For example, the following article is from the **Academic Search Premier** database:
Because the database indicates that the article was taken from an academic journal select Journal as the source type.

2. Then use the tabs above the form to select the format (print, web site, database, digital file, or microform).

Since the journal article was found in a database (Academic Search Premier) select Database as the format.

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3. Complete the form by filling in the box for each element of the citation.

**BE SURE TO CLICK INSIDE A BOX BEFORE TYPING ANYTHING IN IT!** This opens a popup box with more information about that element. For example, clicking inside the **Database accession number** box opens a popup box stating that “the database accession number is not included in an MLA citation.” Leave that box blank.

Clicking inside a **title** box opens a popup box with more information on which words to capitalize.

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

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 Citation (Journal)

You can copy and paste this citation into your own document:


Notes for copying and pasting the citation:

- Italics may be lost when you transfer your citation to a word processing document, so you may need to replace it.
- Lines that wrap should be indented 5 spaces or 1/2 inch.
- Citations should be double-spaced (both in and between citations).
- URLs are not required for online sources in MLA style (check with your teacher if you aren't sure whether to include it).