



Creating Bibliographic Citations with Noodlebib

HOW CAN NOODLEBIB HELP ME?

NoodleBib is a Web-based platform for organizing student research. One of the great features of NoodleBib is that it helps you easily create bibliographic citations for the sources you use in your research papers. The citation creation tool not only formats citations, but it also helps you evaluate and analyze each source while creating the citation.

WHERE DO I FIND NOODLEBIB?

There are several links to NoodleBib on the Mission College Library Website (<http://www.missioncollege.org/lib/>). It is very important to use a Mission College link to register and access NoodleBib as it is the only way to access the Mission College subscription.

NoodleBib is available from the Mission College Library Website on the **Research Resources** page or the **Off-Campus Library Services** page. The NoodleBib link is on the right side of the page. Use the **on campus** link if you are using a Mission College computer at Mission College. Use the **off-campus** link if you are using the wireless network at Mission College or using a computer that is not located at Mission College. These links take you to the Registration/Sign in page for NoodleBib. Note that if you use the **off-campus** link, you will first be prompted to enter your last name and Mission College student number. Look for a green bar at the top of the page that reads: *You have automatically been authenticated into the Mission College Subscription.* You will need to register for an account in order to use NoodleBib. Once you have registered, you will use this page to sign in to your personal account.

HOW DO I CREATE MY OWN NOODLEBIB ACCOUNT?

You create an account by clicking on the **Create a Personal ID** button in the middle of the Registration/Sign in page. This takes you to the New User Registration page. Complete the form as instructed. *Note:* Only *you* will know your user name and password. You may want to use the same user name and password that you use for ANGEL so that it will be easy to remember. There is a link on the Registration/Sign in page if you forget your password, but if you forget your user name, you will have to create a new account.

HOW DO I ENTER MY CITATION INFORMATION INTO NOODLEBIB?

Before you start entering your citations into NoodleBib, you must first create a project. Once you sign into NoodleBib, you will go straight to the **My Projects** page. This is where you will create a project.

Create a Project:

1. Click on the green **Create a New Project** button on the right side of the screen.
2. Select the **bibliographic style** you wish to use. You may choose MLA Advanced, MLA Starter (do not choose this option as it is for high school students), APA Advanced, or Chicago/Turabian Advanced. Be sure to check with your instructor if you are unsure, because once you have selected a style your citations cannot be converted to a different one.
3. Enter a **Description**. This will be used as your project name.
4. Click on **Create Project**. You will be taken to the Dashboard for your project. The Dashboard is your project homepage and it helps you track and organize your work.

Create a Bibliography:

You do not have to create all of your citations at the same time. Your project is saved to your account so that you can add to it, or edit it, as needed.

1. Click on the **Bibliography** link (in the Components section of your project homepage). This will take you to the Bibliography page.
2. **Select a citation type**. In order to create the correct citation format, you will need to first identify the type of source you are using. Ask yourself: Is it a book, journal, website or something else? Use the pull down menu at the top left of the screen to **select a citation type**, then click the **Create Citation** button.
3. **Answer questions about your source**. You will be presented with a series of screens that will ask you to confirm your choice and provide additional information to help narrow down the source even more. Take the time to read the screens to make sure you have made the correct selections.
4. **Enter the Citation Information**. Eventually you will be presented with a form to fill out. Now you are ready to enter the information needed for the citation itself. Fill in the fields on the form as completely as possible. *Note*: If you are unsure about what to enter, click on the instruction link next to each field for help (What is the publication city? Which title words do I capitalize?).
5. **Generate the Citation**. When the form is complete, click on the **Check for Errors** button at the bottom of the page. Once you have verified that your information is entered correctly, the Generate Citation button will now read **Update Citation**. Click on that button to create your citation. This will add your citation to your bibliography list and return you to the Bibliography page. Your citation is now saved to your project.

If you find you need to make any changes once you have created your citation, use the **Edit** button to the right of the citation. When you are finished adding all of your citations, use the buttons above the citation listings to **Print/Export** or **Email** your bibliography.

For more information, go to the NoodleBib Help page:
<http://www.noodletools.com/noodlebib/help.php>