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SUPREME COURT CASES RESEARCH GUIDE

QUICK REMINDER BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

Don't forget to **EVALUATE EACH SOURCE** before deciding if it will benefit your research. Make sure it's on your....

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What is ***rationale***/ purpose?	Does author have **authority** on topic?	What is **date** of publish?	Is the information **accurate**/correct?	Is it **relevant** to your research?

USEFUL DATABASES

Databases are found in **Cobb Digital Library.** Open from Clever or from www.lassitermediacenter.com.



GALE in Context - US History

Pasword if needed – "cobb"
- *Case Overviews*
- *Newspaper/Magazine articles*
- *Reference articles*
- *Academic Journals*



GALE - Opposing Viewpoints

Pasword if needed – "cobb"
- *Case Overviews*
- *Newspaper/Magazine articles*
- *Reference articles*

GALILEO

Pasword if needed – "cabinet"
- *Filter by News/Magazine Articles*

JSTOR

Credentials: UN: LassiterHS; PW: learning
- *Colege-style database with deeper analysis*
- *Historical Context*
- *Constitutional Interpretation*

USEFUL WEBSITES

OYEZ.org
- supreme court audio since 1955
- Facts for each case

Supreme Court Landmarks from uscourts.gov
- Background of the cases and rulings
- Podcasts about the cases

Landmark Cases of the US Supreme Court
- Full case summaries
- Notable excerpts
- Reactions to the decisions

Justia
- Supreme Court full-text decisions
- Audio/Media Files
- Attorney biographies

CaseLaw / FindLaw
- Database of Supreme Court decisions since 1893

MLA & CITATION SUPPORT

MLA Style - PurdueOwl
Your Go-To site for MLA help

MLA Sample Paper
To help you double check your formatting

Getting Started with Noodletools

Create a New Project

Add a Source From A Database

Add a Source From A Website

Export Works Cited Page

DATABASE RESEARCH TIPS

- Databases work best when you **narrow a topic down to just a few keywords**. Do not use full sentences or questions.
  Example: "Tinker v. Des Moines" student speech
- Use **Boolean searches** such as AND (to include both ideas) or OR (to include either idea) to narrow down searches
  *AND Example – Brown v. Board **AND** segregation*
  *OR Example – student speech **OR** student expression*
- Use **Database filters** to narrow results by date, source type, full text, or subject to avoid digging through hundreds of results.

REFER TO THE SECOND PAGE FOR WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO SET UP A NOODLETOOLS PROJECT AND USE NOODLETOOLS WITH OUR DATABASES.

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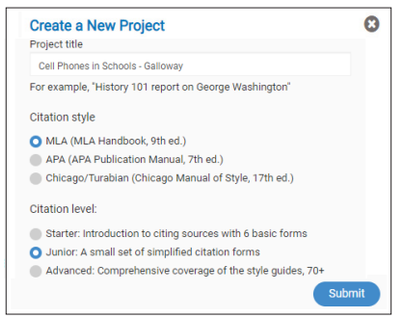
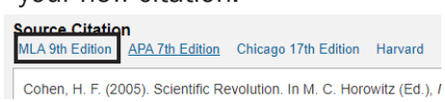
ORGANIZE YOUR RESEARCH / CITE YOUR SOURCES

1. Find and open **Noodletools** in Cobb Digital Library.
2. At top right, click **New Project**.
   - Name it (topic or class name)
   - Click MLA, Junior and then Submit



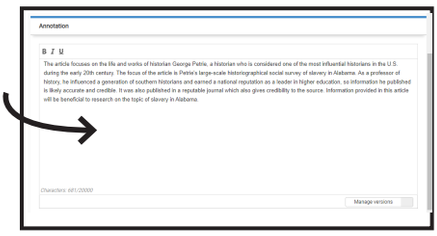
3. Go back to your source/article.
4. Click the **Cite** button. If a direct export option is available (GALE & JSTOR), select **"Export to - Noodletools".** Be sure **MLA 9th Edition** selected. Go back to Noodletools and you will see your new citation.



5. If there is no direct export option, copy the entire MLA citation provided. In Noodletools, click **New Source**, select the appropriate button, and then click **Quick Cite: Copy and Paste Citation** in the top right. Paste your citation in the field.



6. Type your annotation into the box at the bottom of the screen. Remember, your annotation should have 1) a summary 2) an evaluation and 3) a reflection



7. Click **Save** (blue button at the top of the screen) to save the citation and annotation.

HERE'S ANOTHER CITATION TOOL YOU CAN TRY

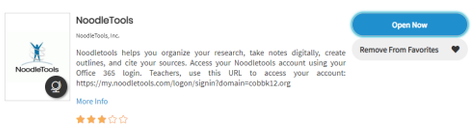
NoodleTools is a CCSD-paid resource that may not be available to you in college and beyond.

MyBib.com is just like Noodletools but you can use it anytime, anywhere. Check it out!

MyBib

EXPORTING AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY FROM NOODLETOOLS

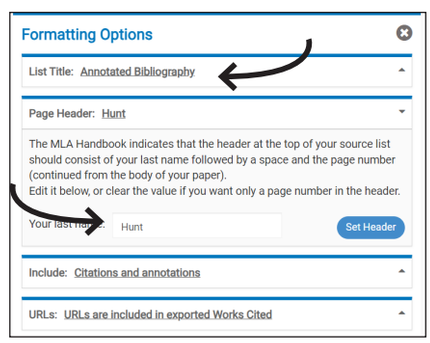
1. Open **Cobb Digital Library** from desktop screen. (At home it's *cobb.mackinvia.com* and enter your Office365 credentials.)
2. Click **Noodletools - Open Now**



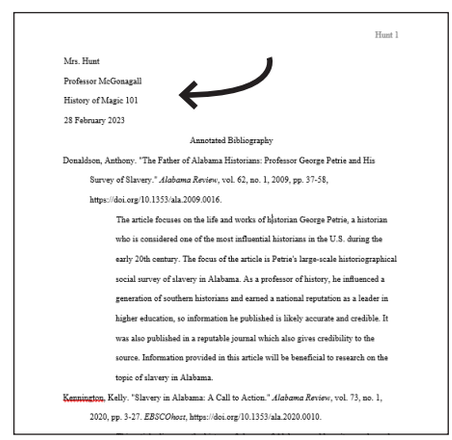
3. Open the Project where you saved your articles by clicking on it.
4. At the top right of the screen, click the blue export icon.



5. Select **Formatting Options**. Change the List Title to to "**Annotated Bibliography**" and add your last name to the "Page Header" field.



6. At the top right of the screen, click the blue export icon, again. Select **Print/Export to Word**
7. Keep **All Sources** selected and press **Submit.**
8. The annotated bibliography will download. Look for it in the downloads folder. Double click the file to see your annotated bib.
9. Add your **4-line heading** with name, teacher, class, and due date - left justified, each on its own line - double spaced.



10. Save the word file.