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NOODLETOOLS

***Works best using Google Chrome browser***

Getting Started

- Log in should be your school user id and password
- The first time you log in for the year you’ll be asked to validate your account
  a. See Mrs. Madeira for School username and password.

Creating a Project

[Image of NoodleTools interface]

- Create a New Project
  - Select a citation style (MLA, APA, or Chicago) and level, then enter a short description of your topic.
  - Citation style:
    - MLA (this is the default style at your school)
      - follows the MLA Handbook, 7th ed.
    - APA
      - follows the APA Publication Manual, 6th ed.
    - Chicago/Turabian
      - bibliography and footnotes
      - follows The Chicago Manual of Style, 16th ed.
  - Citation level:
    - Starter
      - Six basic forms
      - An introduction to citing sources!
    - Junior (this is the default option at your school)
      - A small set of simplified forms
    - Advanced
      - 70+ citation forms, comprehensive coverage of the style guides
  - Description:
    - For example, “History 101 report on George Washington”
    - Type name of project here

[Submit button]
Sharing to the Teacher’s Drop Box

Choose correct class name – make sure your name is in the “Your Name” box then click Share Project

Sharing Project with Group Members

Working with a partner or in a group? ONE person should create the project and then SHARE it with the other group members.

If you need help – click on Show me how for instructions
Now you’re ready to get on with your research.

Reminder: Before you start taking notes on an article you want to use, CITE IT IN NOODLETOOLS!
CITING SOURCES

- ICONN

1. Click on Bibliography at the top of the page
2. Choose your citation type:
   - Anything from ICONN is a **Database** – pay attention to what type of source it is (magazine, book, journal, etc – you will be asked about that next)

3. If ICONN provides a citation, copy it (MAKE SURE IT’S IN MLA 7 FORMAT) and choose Copy and Paste citation in NoodleTools. (see page 19 for how to locate the citation in ICONN.)
   ***If a citation is not provided – stay on this screen and fill in as many of the boxes as possible and click submit.

   ![Image of NoodleTools](image.png)

   **Note:** After choosing Database, you need to tell what the original source was - my source from ICONN was a magazine.
   
   Also – Click on Copy & paste a citation

4. Paste the citation in the box called Manually-edited citation.
5. Be sure to include the permalink provided by ICONN in the URL section. This will give you a live link to your ICONN article making it available whenever you need it.
Website
1. Locate the citation information on your website.
Example:

URL

Name of the website

Webpage or document/article title

No author given

Look at the bottom of the page for copyright & publisher.

No copyright date or publisher stated, BUT the Library of Congress is a U.S. government institution.
2. Choose **website** as your citation type and complete the form…

Use the boxes that pop up in each field as a guide!!!!

3. Don’t forget to click the submit button!
**Book**

Look at title page and the back of the title page for the citation information. (Sometimes the copyright information is at the back of the book).

You will need:

Author’s name(s)

Title of the book

Publisher (Look at the bottom of the title page)

Publication City (If multiple cities are listed – give the first place listed)

Year (copyright date – usually on the back of the title page, but sometimes the last page of the book.)
Making Notecards

1. Make sure you’re on the **BIBLIOGRAPHY** page

2. Start your notecard
   - It must include a title – each card has its own unique title. If you have more than one card on the same Main Idea, you could put a number after the Main Idea – example – pros 1; pros 2.
   - The source will automatically be filled in when you make a new notecard from the BIBLIOGRAPHY page.
   - You may select some text from the article and paste it into the Direct Quotation section. (NOTE: **DO NOT** copy the entire article here. It should only be information that answers your research question and/or pertains to the notecard title.)
   - Use the Paraphrase or Summary section to put the information into your own words – click save.
3. You can access your notecards for editing through the **BIBLIOGRAPHY** page

If you click on *Show* – you have the option to edit the notecard. If you click *New* – you make a new notecard for that source.
Organizing and Printing Your Notecards

1. The Notecards tab is for organizing your notecards and preparing to write your paper. You can drag your notecards into the outline section to make it easier to complete your project.
2. You can print them all from here.
3. You can also make an outline with your notecards and print it out.

Printing your Bibliography

Make sure it's sorted alphabetically.
ICONN

Why Use ICONN?

- EBSCO databases are provided by the State of Connecticut for use by its residents. These databases provide access to a wide variety of **reliable** sources including magazines, reference sources, photos, and other primary sources.

- Many of the sources provide a citation in the MLA 7 format, making it even easier to cite your sources.

How Do I Get There?

1. From School-direct access:
   a. From the Research Tools tab on the Library Media Center’s page on our school website – [www.sterlingschool.org](http://www.sterlingschool.org)
   
   ![Image of ICONN search interface]

   - Click on Middle School to get above screen

   - By typing [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org) in the address bar.
2. From Home:
   a. Type [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org) in the address bar. You will see this screen...

   ![Screen shot of ICONN search engine](image)

   b. Either type in the barcode number from your Sterling Public Library OR click on Try This. As long as your computer is in CT – you will be brought to the screen as seen in 1b.

**Searching**

- You can choose **One Search** – the big green box at the top of the Resources for Middle Schools page, or you can search the individual databases.
- There is a great tutorial video from ICONN linked to the Research Tools page located on the Library Media Center’s page of the school website.
Resources in green on both sides of this flyer are automatically searched by the iCONN OneSearch interface.

Magazines, Journals, Newspapers — and more!

**Searchasaurus**
For: Elementary School students
A colorful, animated interface for primary students to develop basic searches. With Lexile (reading level) limiters.

**Primary Search**
For: Elementary School students
Articles and curriculum-related materials selected for elementary schools.

**Kids Search**
For: Elementary and Middle School students
Articles and curriculum-related materials selected for grades 3-8.

**Middle Search Plus**
For: Middle School students
Articles and curriculum-related materials selected for grades 6-8.

**Academic Search Premier**
For: College and university students
Provides an elaborate array of titles to cornerstone academia. Comprehensive content, including PDF backfiles to 1975 or further for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references for more than 1,050 titles.

**MasterFILE Premier**
For: Middle School students and up
Designed specifically for public libraries, MasterFILE Premier provides full text for magazines, reference books, and primary source documents and an Image Collection with photos, maps & flags. Includes Consumer Reports.

**iCONN Newsstand**
Search for newspaper articles in:
- Christian Science Monitor (1988 - current) (ProQuest)
- Hartford Courant (1992 - current) (ProQuest)
- Los Angeles Times (1985 - current) (ProQuest)
- New York Times (1985 - current) (ProQuest)
- Wall Street Journal (1984 - current) (ProQuest)
- Washington Post (1987 - current) (ProQuest)

**Hartford Courant-Historical**
Search the earliest years of the Hartford Courant from the first issue published in October 1764 through 1922. Find articles and images that relate to Connecticut and national history.

**Referencia Latina**
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
A comprehensive Spanish-language database with 49,000 encyclopedia entries; 50,000 images; 2,500 health reports; a Spanish-English dictionary and full text for over 100 reference books and dozens of general interest magazines in a broad array of subject areas.

**Student Research Center**
For: Middle School students and up; teachers
Includes magazines, newspapers, biographies, country reports, an online dictionary and encyclopedia, film & video.

**Teacher Reference Center**
For: Teachers and School Administrators

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Specific Resources by Topic

**Biography Reference Bank**
For: Middle School students and up
Current Biography and World Authors series, Biography Index and biographical content of Junior Authors & Illustrators.

**History Reference Center**
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
For upper grades, secondary schools, public libraries, junior/community colleges and undergraduate research. Full text for more than 1,990 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books from leading history publishers.

**MainFile**
For: Middle School students and up
A multi-disciplinary database with coverage of all aspects of academic study and general interest subject areas. Includes more than 4,300 full-text magazines and journals and nearly 250 full-text newspapers and newswires, and over 2,900 full-text reference books and encyclopedias.

**Science Reference Center**
For: Upper Elementary School students and up
Topics covered include biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

**Biography Reference Center**
For: Middle School students and up
Contains many of the top-ranked biographical reference collections and magazines. Offers a comprehensive collection of full-text biographies, as well as thousands of unique narrative biographies.

**TOPICSearch**
For: Middle School students and up
A multi-disciplinary database that covers all aspects of academic study and general interest subject areas. Includes more than 4,300 full-text magazines and journals and nearly 250 full-text newspapers and newswires, and over 2,900 full-text reference books and encyclopedias.

**HeritageQuest**
For: Genealogy researchers
Search U.S. federal censuses, family and local histories, and primary-source documents such as tax lists, city directories, and probate records. Materials date back to the 1700s. *Available through public libraries only.*

**Legal Information Reference Center**
For: College and University students and adult public
Exclusive online full text for many top consumer legal reference books, full-text publications and legal forms, with more content added on a regular basis. Thousands of state-specific legal forms – searchable by top subject areas including Adoption, Bankruptcy, Name Changes and more.

**E-Reference Books, Library Catalogs and More**

**Connecticut Digital Collections**
Central Connecticut State University's Digital Collections (CCSU) - more than 4,500 digital objects including oral histories, rare publications and archives materials, Polish posters and publications, student publications, theses and dissertations.
Connecticut History Online (CHO) - a collection of over 15,000 digital primary sources.
Newspapers of Connecticut - a sample collection of historical newspapers from 1821-1929 covering the various regions, perspectives and topics in Connecticut.
Treasures of Connecticut Libraries - includes historical photographs, maps, and other images.

**Find Books, DVDs and more in Connecticut Libraries (reQuest)**
Statewide Library Catalog (reQuest): Search 400+ Conn. library catalogs at once; place interlibrary loan orders for items owned by other libraries (if your home library offers this service through reQuest), and track their status.
Statewide Magazine Catalog: Search for publication titles to see what libraries subscribe to them. Link from the Magazine Catalog to articles in EBSCOhost.

**Downloadable eAudio & eBooks**
Over 2600 digital audio book titles and more than 700 eBooks on the Recorded Books platform targeted to schools but available to all. Titles can be downloaded to PCs or Macs using the free plugin called the OneClick-Digital Media Manager. Wireless access is possible with apps for iPhone, iTouch, iPad, Android and Kindle Fire. Two checkouts and 3 holds are allowed at one time.
Locating Citation Information

- In Kids Search (for grades K-8)

1. You will need to click on the print icon to access the citation information.
2. Then click the Citation Format button and choose MLA from the dropdown menu.
3. Then click print – but you won’t actually print the article.

If you click on the name of the source – you will get details about whether it’s a magazine, journal, book, newspaper, etc.
4. Highlight and copy the Works Cited (see below) and paste this into NoodleTools – see pages 6-7 of this guide for more information.

5. Also copy the permalink and paste into NoodleTools.

- In most other databases, once you choose an article there will be a list of options on the right
- Click on cite
- Use the scroll bar on the list of citations to get to MLA
• Copy and then paste into NoodleTools

1. To get the permalink for the article, click on permalink on the right
2. Then copy and paste it into NoodleTools.
Web Evaluation

- While ICONN is great – it doesn’t always have everything you need.

- Search tips
  - DON’T type your entire question in the search box – pick out the KEY words.
  - Looking for Irish Immigration or George Washington? Put quotation marks around both words – the computer will know to search for those 2 words together. Ex. “Irish Immigration”, “George Washington”
  - Sites like ASK and Wikipedia should NOT be used as sources. (Wikipedia MIGHT have some links to other sites that could be helpful – but you’d need to evaluate them.)

- Here are some things to remember when evaluating the websites…
  - Is the source credible?
    - Who is the author? Do they prove that they know what they’re talking about?
  - Who is the publisher?
  - When was the page last updated?
  - Can you understand the information?
  - Does it actually answer your research questions?