Database Citation Generators

Many of the databases have a tool to help you create your citations. These can be a great timesaver when you are creating your Works Cited or References lists!

In some of the databases such as those provided by Gale Cengage Learning you select Citation Tools to generate the citation. It could look like this:

Or like this:

Or be just an icon like this.
Choose the citation format required for your class and click “Select” or “Download.” Download will open a new window or tab with the citation in it. Select highlights the citation.

Copy the citation and paste it into your document. You can also Export the citation to a citation management application if you have one. Remember to double-check the citation for correct format. (You MAY need to do some minor editing, double-space the citation, create hanging indents, etc.) If you have questions check the Library’s Citation Guide for guidance.
In other databases such as those provided by Ebsco when you click on the right side of the screen you are given the citation for the article in a number of different formats.

Choose the format required for your class. The formats are given in alphabetical order.
If you are using MLA you will need to scroll down to find it. (Don’t forget to double space and use the hanging indents when creating your bibliography or works cited page!)

You can also use citation software with these databases.

Still other databases such as those provided by Proquest use Cite to generate a citation.
A drop-down box appears which allows you to choose your citation style. (Be sure to double-check the citation, but it is usually just a matter of a few minor edits to make it perfect.)

Some of the other databases have links that you click to see the citation in a particular style.

It is good practice to **check to make sure each citation is correct.** You can do this by consulting the Library’s [Citation Guide](#) or Purdue’s Online Writing Lab for [MLA](#) or [APA](#) formatting. Look for the type of item you are citing (book, article, website, etc.) and follow the rules and examples found on these resources.

Have questions? Need assistance? Contact the librarian in your Canvas course, contact the reference desk at 410-777-2456 or refdesk@aacc.edu, or contact the Distance Learning Librarian at 410-777-2216 or DLLibrarian@aacc.edu.