

# MLA WORKS CITED: AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

How to create and edit automatically generated citations from different databases

## HOW TO USE AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS:

### Academic Search Complete:

Once you locate an item that you will use as a source,

- in the **Results List**, click on the link to the article
- on the right-hand side of the article page, under **Tools**, click **Cite**
- scroll down to see the **MLA** citation for your article
- copy and paste the entry to your **Works Cited** section (or e-mail the article to yourself, selecting **MLA** as your **Citation format**)

After any editing, your Works Cited entry should resemble this model.

Luchs, Michele, and Elizabeth Miller. "Not So Far Away: A Collaborative Model of Engaging Refugee Youth in the Outreach of Their Digital Stories." *Area*, vol. 48, no. 4, Dec. 2016, pp. 442–448. *Academic Search Complete*, doi:10.1111/area.12165.

### JSTOR:

Once you locate an item that you will use as a source,

- click on **Cite this item** (beside the listing)
- beside **MLA**, select **Copy**
- paste it to your **Works Cited** section

After any editing, the entry in your Works Cited should resemble this model:

Akkach, Samer. "The World of Imagination in Ibn 'Arabi's Ontology." *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 24, no. 1, 1997, pp. 97–113. *JSTOR*, [www.jstor.org/stable/195670](http://www.jstor.org/stable/195670).

### eBook Academic Collection:

Once you have located an ebook that you will use as a source,

- in the **Results List**, click on the link to the article record
- on the right-hand side of the article record, under **Tools**, click **Cite**
- scroll down to see the **MLA citation** for your article
- you can also e-mail the article to yourself, selecting **MLA** as your **Citation format**
- copy and paste the entry to your **Works Cited** section

After any editing, the entry in your Works Cited should resemble this model:

Llewellyn, Kristina R., et al. *The Canadian Oral History Reader*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2015. *eBook Academic Collection*, [dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2312/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=993301&site=ehost-live&scope=site](http://dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2312/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=nlebk&AN=993301&site=ehost-live&scope=site).



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## Kanopy:

The Dawson Library subscribes to two streaming services: Kanopy and Criterion-on-Demand. Kanopy has an automatic citation generator. Once you have located a film on Kanopy that you will use as a source,

- beneath the video, select **More**
- select **Citation Tool** in the drop-down menu that emerges
- click on MLA and click on **Copy Text**
- paste the entry into your **Works Cited** page

After any editing, the entry in your Works Cited should resemble this model:

*In The Future They Ate From the Finest Porcelain.* Larissa Sansour and Soren Lind, directors.  
mec film, 2015. Kanopy.

## HOW TO EDIT AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED CITATIONS:

Automatic citation tools often return entries with **errors** in them. For example, the article database **Academic Search Complete** returned the following MLA citation in 8th edition, not 9th:

**X** **MLA 8th Edition** (Modern Language Assoc.) Works Cited  
Kennedy, Hudson Robert, et al. "Assessing Potential Public Health Concerns in Airbnb Venues in Four Canadian Cities." *Journal of Environmental Health*, vol. 83, no. 3, Oct. 2020, pp. 8–12. EBSCOhost, dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2052/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=146059312&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

Generated citations such as these must be edited:

- Replace the name of the vendor (EBSCOhost) with the database (**Academic Search Complete**).
- **The link must be replaced with a DOI or a permalink.** Permalinks let those without Dawson or EBSCOhost accounts retrieve your references. Do NOT use the URL in the address bar.
- **Always put the DOI** instead of an URL or a permalink when a DOI is available.
- The entry should be **double spaced** with a **hanging indent**.
- Edit the **capitalization, italics, order of elements, and punctuation** if necessary.

Your Works Cited entry should now look like this (12 pt. font, double-spaced, Times New Roman):

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Kennedy, Hudson Robert, et al. "Assessing Potential Public Health Concerns in Airbnb Venues in Four Canadian Cities." *Journal of Environmental Health*, vol. 83, no. 3, Oct. 2020, pp. 8–12. *Academic Search Complete*, dc153.dawsoncollege.qc.ca:2312/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=146059312&site=ehost-live&scope=site.

For more information, consult the *MLA Handbook* or contact the Academic Skills Centre.