Using “Noodle Tools” for doing MLA Citations

From our library homepage at www.mpc.edu/library click on the “Noodle Tools” link under “Quick Links”. (If you are off campus you will get a window to login with your LoboApps/MPC Email Username and Password). From the entry page click on the “Register” button on the lower left to create your account. After you have an account set up-in the future you will just login from this page.

(We also a NoodleTools Basics Tutorial at https://youtu.be/Tz6AGanDKZY)

This is what the new user registration page looks like. Fill it out and click the Register button at the bottom and it will get your account set up.
Once you are in Noodle Tools you will have no projects yet but once you do they will be listed on this page. You want to click on the green “+New Project” button in the upper left corner.

Give your project a name (you do a new project for each new paper/works cited page) and choose the citation style you want to use (in this case MLA) and then choose the “Junior” or “Advanced” citation level. I recommend using the “Junior” version if you are just starting out. Click on the “Submit” button.

You will then be taken to your Dashboard page for this project. There is a lot of stuff on this page. Ignore it for now (you can go back and explore this stuff). To do citations click on the ‘Sources’ button at the top of the page.
You have nothing in your Works Cited page yet since this is a new project (you would see them listed if you did). Click on the “+Create new citation” button on the upper left.

Choose the option listed in the box of how you accessed the source (Database, Website etc...) If you are doing an article you got from one of our library databases choose “Database”.

You’ll see a page that asks you to choose what type of source you are citing from the database. Go ahead and choose what you are citing (most likely a journal, magazine or newspaper article). If you chose another option instead of database then choose from the options you see.
Here is where you start inputting the information about your citation. Make sure you are citing where you got the source from, in this case I got the article from the database Academic Search Complete so it should be on the ‘Database’ tab. Input the information you have on your article and click the green ‘Submit’ button at the top or bottom of the page. It will take you to a page with your citation and you can export it into a Word document, Google Docs or HTML page and you can use it in your paper.

This is the page you will see when you are done inputting your information for your citation. You can then go on to create new citations by choosing the green “+Create new citation” button or you can see what your Works Cited page looks like by choosing the options in the “Print/Export” drop down box with options like Print/Export to Word, RTF, Google Docs and Web Page.