

# Las Positas College Library

## NoodleBib Tip Sheet

### LitFinder

*This guide is designed to help you accurately cite sources obtained through LitFinder. The steps below will lead you to the screen where you will enter bibliographic information about your source. If you need more help, contact any of our Reference Librarians. We are always happy to help you!*

Note: Be sure to use the versions **MLA Advanced** or **APA Advanced**.

### Tab 1: BIOGRAPHIES

In this section of the database you will find biographical information about authors, the context in which they wrote and critical reception of their work. Some sources you may encounter are journal articles, reference book articles and online reference source material. Again, refer to the **source citation** to determine what you are citing.

<b>MLA Advanced</b>	<b>APA Advanced</b>
<b>Online Reference Source/Encyclopedia</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose “<b>Anthology/Book Collection</b>” as citation type</li> <li>• Select “Material in a book (collection)”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “Subscription database” for the content</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinderr” as the Name of Database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose “<b>Reference Source</b>” as citation type</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “Aggregated database” for more info on this source</li> <li>• In field “Name of aggregated database” add: <b>LitFinder</b></li> </ul>
<b>Reference Source/Encyclopedia (available in print)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the “Nonperiodical – Reference Source” citation type</li> <li>• Select “Reference book or reference database”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “Encyclopedia or biographical dictionary” as the type of reference source</li> <li>• Scroll down to the information about the online retrieval of this source and select “Yes, content is from a print source” and “Subscription” for the content</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinder” as the name of the database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the “Nonperiodical – Reference Source” citation type</li> <li>• Select “Reference Book”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “Encyclopedia or biographical dictionary” as the type of reference source and “A single article or entry” as the content</li> <li>• Scroll down and select “Aggregated database”</li> <li>• In field “Name of aggregated database” add: <b>LitFinder</b></li> </ul>
<b>Journal Article (available in print)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose “<b>Journal</b>” as citation type</li> <li>• Select “Journal”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “A journal article”</li> <li>• Select “Yes, I am sure this material was originally published in print form...”</li> <li>• Select “Subscription database” for the content</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinderr” as the Name of Database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose “<b>Journal</b>” as citation type</li> <li>• Select “Journal”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “A basic journal article”</li> <li>• Select “Aggregated database” for more info on this source</li> <li>• In field “Name of aggregated database” add: <b>LitFinder</b></li> </ul>

## Tab 2: TOPIC AND WORK OVERVIEWS

Under the Topic and Work Overviews tab you will primarily find source material that was originally published in reference books or journal articles. Refer to the **source citation** to determine what you are citing.

Reference Source/Encyclopedia (available in print)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Nonperiodical – Reference Source” citation type</li> <li>Select “Reference book or reference database”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “Encyclopedia or biographical dictionary” as the type of reference source</li> <li>Scroll down to the information about the online retrieval of this source and select “Yes, content is from a print source” and “Subscription” for the content</li> <li>Enter “LitFinder” as the name of the database</li> <li>Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Nonperiodical – Reference Source” citation type</li> <li>Select “Reference Book”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “Encyclopedia or biographical dictionary” as the type of reference source and “A single article or entry” as the content</li> <li>Scroll down and select “Aggregated database”</li> </ul>
Journal Article (available in print)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose “<b>Journal</b>” as citation type</li> <li>Select “Journal”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “A journal article”</li> <li>Select “Yes, I am sure this material was originally published in print form...”</li> <li>Select “Subscription database” for the content</li> <li>Enter “LitFinder” as the Name of Database</li> <li>Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose “<b>Journal</b>” as citation type</li> <li>Select “Journal”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “A basic journal article”</li> <li>Select “Aggregated database” for more info on this source</li> <li>In field “Name of aggregated database” add: <b>LitFinder</b></li> </ul>

## Tab 3: PRIMARY SOURCES AND LITERARY WORKS

In LitFinder the most common type of primary source material will be interviews with authors – these may be from a journal, magazine, newspaper or broadcast interviews. Following are examples of how to set up the appropriate template in NoodleBib to cite these type of sources.

MLA Advanced	APA Advanced
Magazine article	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Periodicals – Magazine” citation type</li> <li>Select “Magazine”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “An article”</li> <li>Select “Yes, originally published in print form” and “Subscription database”</li> <li>Enter “LitFinder” as the Name of the Database</li> <li>Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Periodicals –Magazine” citation type</li> <li>Select “Magazine”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “A basic magazine article”</li> <li>Select “Aggregated database”</li> </ul>
Newspaper article	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Periodicals – Newspaper or newswire” citation type</li> <li>Select “Newspaper or newswire”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “An article”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choose the “Periodicals – Newspaper or newswire” citation type</li> <li>Select “Newspaper or newswire”</li> <li>Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>Select “An article”</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select “Yes, originally published in print form” and “Subscription database”</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinder” as the Name of the Database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select “Aggregated database”</li> </ul>
<b>Broadcast interview</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the “Audiovisual – Television or Radio Program” citation type</li> <li>• Select “TV or radio program”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “An interview” and “Subscription database”</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinder” as the Name of the Database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the “Audiovisual – Television or Radio Program” citation type</li> <li>• Select “Single program”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “Television” or “Radio” depending on your source material and “Aggregated database”</li> </ul>

**Tab 4: MULTIMEDIA**

The most common materials available under the Multimedia tab are images from other print sources, such as a reference book or biographical dictionary. Use the following guide to set up your template to cite these sources.

<b>MLA Advanced</b>	<b>APA Advanced</b>
<b>Photographs from a reference book</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose the “Audiovisual – Painting, Sculpture or Photograph” citation type</li> <li>• Select “Image in a reference book.”</li> <li>• Select “Online” as the publication medium</li> <li>• Select “A documentary photograph”</li> <li>• Select “Encyclopedia or biographical dictionary”; “documentary photograph”; “Yes” and “Subscription database”</li> <li>• Enter “LitFinder” as the Name of the Database</li> <li>• Do NOT change the URL information. The Library has set this up for you.</li> </ul>	<p><i>The APA format does not require reproductions of images be included in your reference list. However, you will need to provide an in-text citation for any images you use in your work. If you have questions about how to cite these sources consult the <u>Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association</u> or talk to a librarian.</i></p>