



ZOTERO GUIDE

ZoteroBib is a powerful resource for all forms of writing and research. ZoteroBib is a citing website with access to nearly every format of citation. On the base level, ZoteroBib seems like a simple plug-and-play website. This would be the case for most everyday citations, but you have access to so much more with ZoteroBib. This tutorial will show some of these more powerful tools and how to use ZoteroBib.

Basic Citation

You can find zoterobib on any internet search engine by searching Zbib, ZoteroBib, or by clicking the following link: <https://zbib.org/>. After you arrive at the main page, you should see the next image; this may be subject to change due to updates. But for the most part, you should see the following:



Zoterobib has a very powerful sources system and will often be able to make citations off of just URLs. You should be presented with a search bar with a blue bottom label Cite. Before you do anything, you should see a larger blue bar under Bibliography. This is a drop-down menu with nearly every form of citation used. It will default the citation format to Modern Language Association (MLA). This format is ok but not one used in an undergraduate setting. American Psychological Association (APA), Chicago Manual of Style (CMS), and IEEE are more acceptable citation formats. You can click the drop-down and select whatever form you desire. You can also search for the format type if it's not readily available.



One very nice thing about ZoteroBib is that it retains your citations after you leave the Cite. After selecting your required or preferred citation format, you can copy and paste any URL, ISBN, DOI, PMID into the search bar and click “Cite.” It should output your respective citation in the section underneath the bibliography section. It will retain your citations for at least two days, so if you exit by accident or have a computer issue, your citations will still be there. In addition, further down on the page, you can copy all citations made and saved in ZoteroBib with one click of a button.

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Manual Entry and More Complex Citations

Sometimes the piece you are trying to cite is very obscure or doesn't have an accessible sourcing format like URL or ISBN. Or you would like to add more information to your citation.



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You should see a very long list of things that you can fill out. It is not necessary to fill all these out, as some options are too difficult to find. But by filling out as many as possible, you can ensure that you have a citation that is valid to use. You can start by clicking the drop-down



menu and choosing the option that best represents the source you are citing. The number of information fill-ins may change depending on the style of source you choose. Once you fill in as much as you can, click done and you will be brought back to the original page. From there you can click the “cite” button and you are given a more refined citation.

To give an example between here is an auto generated citation and a manual entry citation.

Auto Generated Citation (APA)

Mars, K. (2016, August 17). *Gateway* [Text]. NASA.
<http://www.nasa.gov/gateway/overview>

Manual Entry Citation (APA)

Mars, K. (2022, June 27). *Gateway* [..Gov]. NASA Gateway; National Aeronautics and Space Administration. <https://www.nasa.gov/gateway/overview>



Though very convenient, the auto generation citation doesn’t provide a lot of information pertaining to the sources. So, it is strongly encouraged to use the manual entry to get a more accurate citation. Once again, you can use the manual entry for more than just web pages or books. It has a wide variety of options that will best suit your citation needs.