MLA WORKS CITED: DATABASE SOURCES
(PROQUEST and EBSCOhost)

Sources obtained through the library's database services such as ProQuest and EBSCOhost require complicated bibliography entries. The original source must be cited, along with information on the database itself, the service, and the library.

As an aid to students, the database services offer automatic preparation of MLA bibliography entries for their articles. This sheet shows you how to use this service.

ProQuest

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

- check the **Mark Document** box

- click on the tab marked **MY RESEARCH**

- click on **Create your bibliography**

- select **Citations only** and **MLA format**

- click on **Download**

- copy and paste the entry to your bibliography
  [or e-mail the article to yourself for use later]

The bibliography entry that appears will often need editing, as shown in the example below. If necessary, refer to the Skills Centre handout sheets on MLA Works Cited to revise the punctuation, capitalization, spacing, etc.

john jagodzinski. "Video Games and the Ethics of Violence." *Psychoanalysis, Culture and Society* 11.3 (2006): 282-303. <u>ProQuest Psychology Journals</u>. Web. 21 Aug. 2009.

In this case, several adjustments are needed: the author's name must be reversed to show surname first; the spacing and capitalization must be checked, and a period must be added at the end. The name of journal and the database must be changed into italics.

Remember that in current MLA format, the entry must be double-spaced.

Jagodzinski, John. "Video Games and the Ethics of Violence." *Psychoanalysis, Culture and*

Society 11.3 (2006): 282-303. *ProQuest Psychology Journals.* Web. 21 Aug. 2009.

With these minor corrections, the entry is ready to use in your bibliography.

EBSCOhost

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

- click on **Add to folder**

- to access added items, click on **Folder** (top of the page)

- click on the "save" icon

- click on **Citation Format**, and select MLA

- click on **Save**

- copy and paste it to your Works Cited list

- edit according to the guidelines below

Example:

Belisle, Donica. "Women and Canada's Largest Department Stores, 1890-1960." <u>Journal of Women's History</u> 19.1 (2007): 58-81. <u>Academic Search Premier</u>. EBSCO. [Library name], [City], [State abbreviation] 29 Apr. 2009. <http://search.ebscohost.com>.

This entry needs several changes to bring it into conformity with current MLA format:

- Any underlined items must be changed into italics.

- The URL should be dropped, along with the name of the subscription service (EBSCO), the library's name and its location details. These are no longer required in MLA bibliography entries.

- The term *Web* must be added to indicate the medium used to access the source.

- The second line must be indented, and the entry must be double-spaced.

Belisle, Donna. "Women and Canada's Department Stores, 1890-1960." *Journal of Women's*

History 19.1 (2007): 58-81. *Academic Search Premier*. Web. 29 Apr. 2009.

With these modifications, the entry is ready to use in your bibliography.