Citing a Reference Article from an Online Database in NoodleTools

Reference Source Clues:
• Look for these words in the title: Almanac, Dictionary, Encyclopedia, Fact book, Gazetteer, Handbook, Yearbook
• Look for an editor
• Look for a copyright year

Click the info button for help in analyzing the source citation
Under Sources, Click + Create new citation
Select **database**.
Select Reference Source
Citation has 3 Containers:

- Database
- Article
- Reference Source
Use the pull-down menu to select the database.
Copy/paste permalink from database.

Right-click tutorial below and **open in a new tab** for directions.
Most Recent Date of Access

Source Citation
This is an unsigned article, so I will leave the fields blank.
Contributors to the Reference Source

Source Citation
Type of Reference Source

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Publication Information

Reference Source

Contributors to the reference source as a whole:

Role: Editor
First name: Jeffrey
Middle name: 
Last name or group: Wilson
Suffix: 

Change to: Select...

Type of reference source:
Encyclopedia

* Title of encyclopedia:
Gale Encyclopedia of Everyday Law

Title of volume in multivolume set (if individually titled):
Volume: 1
Total # volumes: 

Publisher:
Gale
Year:
2006

Publication city (if needed): 
Edition:

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Publication city (if needed)
Leave this blank with a few exceptions.
Advanced help.

Source Citation

Here is the completed citation. You may always go back and edit under Options.
Under Options, Click In-text reference for help with Parenthetical Citations

MLA Parenthetical Reference

Example for your source
A parenthetical reference to this Anthology/Collection might look like this:

...the end of your sentence (Hayes [Page #]).
Customize the example:
Page number(s): __________

Note: This is not the only way to write this parenthetical reference. For example, you might include the author or title of the work in your sentence already (see Rule 2). Please read the additional rules below to be sure you are writing your reference correctly.

What is a parenthetical reference?
A parenthetical reference is a reference within the body of your paper to one of the sources listed in your Works Cited list. It indicates to your reader exactly what you derived from the source, and specifically where it can be found. You need to write a parenthetical, or “in-text” reference, whether you quote the material directly from the source, paraphrase it in your own words, or refer to an idea derived from the material.

What typically goes in an MLA-style parenthetical reference?
The information that you need to include depends on what type of source the material comes from. For printed material, you normally only need to include the author(s) or title (If there is no author) and page number(s) in your reference. For multi-volume works like encyclopedias, you may also need to include volume numbers (Refer to CyberThesaurus for more on parenthetical references).
Examine the source citation at the end of the article to determine the proper citation type.
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