

NoodleTools Quick Guide for Students

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This quick guide covers the following topics:

1. How to create a new account
2. How to start a new project and a source list
3. How to create notecards
4. How to share a project with your teacher
5. How to set up a project collaboration with your classmates

How to create a new account

At the **Sign In page** (<https://my.noodletools.com/logon/signin>) you have two options:

Sign In ⓘ

Personal ID

Password

Remember me [I forgot my password](#)

SIGN IN

Register 1

Register as a new user if you haven't used NoodleTools before:

- Free for you if your school or university is subscribed
- Individual accounts also available

REGISTER

Access via Google for Education

If your school or district uses Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to access NoodleTools, sign in here:

Google Account Email

SIGN IN

OR

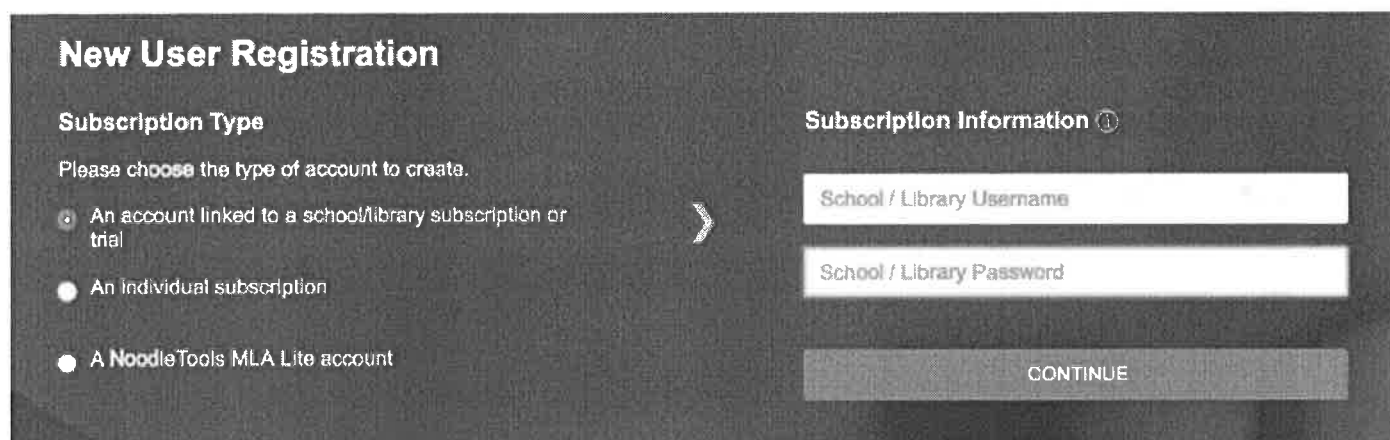
Option 1: If you are a new NoodleTools user, click **Register** to create a new account.

OR

Option 2: If your school has Google Apps for Education and has installed the NoodleTools app there, enter your Google account email in the field on the right and click **Sign In**.

If you are using Option 2 (Google Apps), skip to "How to start a new project and a source list" on this page. Otherwise, continue the registration process...

NOTE: Depending on how NoodleTools is set up at your school, you may next see a screen asking you to enter your school's username and password to register as a new user. Enter the subscription username and password that your teacher or librarian provided.



The screenshot shows a dark-themed registration form titled "New User Registration". It is divided into two main sections: "Subscription Type" and "Subscription Information".

Subscription Type
Please choose the type of account to create.

- An account linked to a school/library subscription or trial
- An individual subscription
- A NoodleTools MLA Lite account

A right-pointing chevron arrow is positioned between the two sections.

Subscription Information ⓘ

School / Library Username

School / Library Password

CONTINUE

Click **Continue** and fill out information for your account. Click **Register**.

About You

I am a student or library patron
 I am a teacher or librarian

Expected year of graduation:

Choose a Personal ID ^①

Easy Login Retrieval ^①

After you register, you will see the Projects screen:

NoodleTools | **Projects** | Dashboard | Sources | Notecards | Paper | | My account ▾

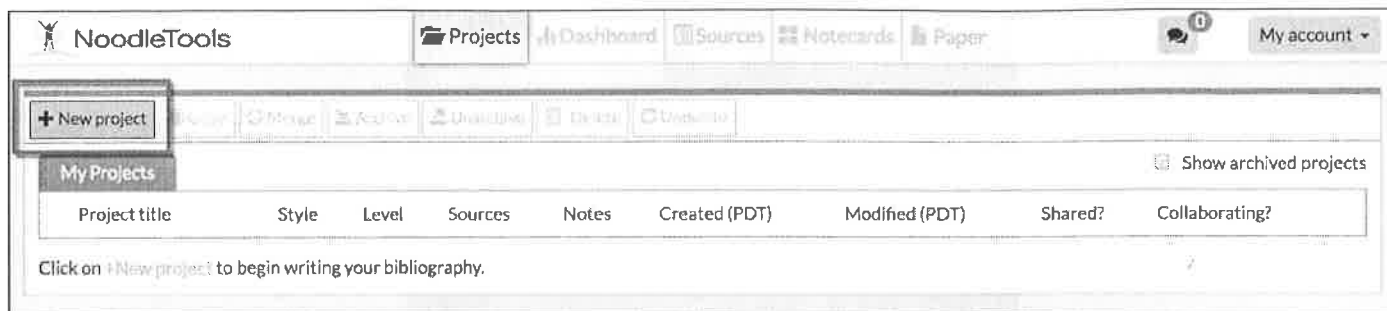
My Projects Show archived projects

Project title	Style	Level	Sources	Notes	Created (PDT)	Modified (PDT)	Shared?	Collaborating?
Click on + New project to begin writing your bibliography.								

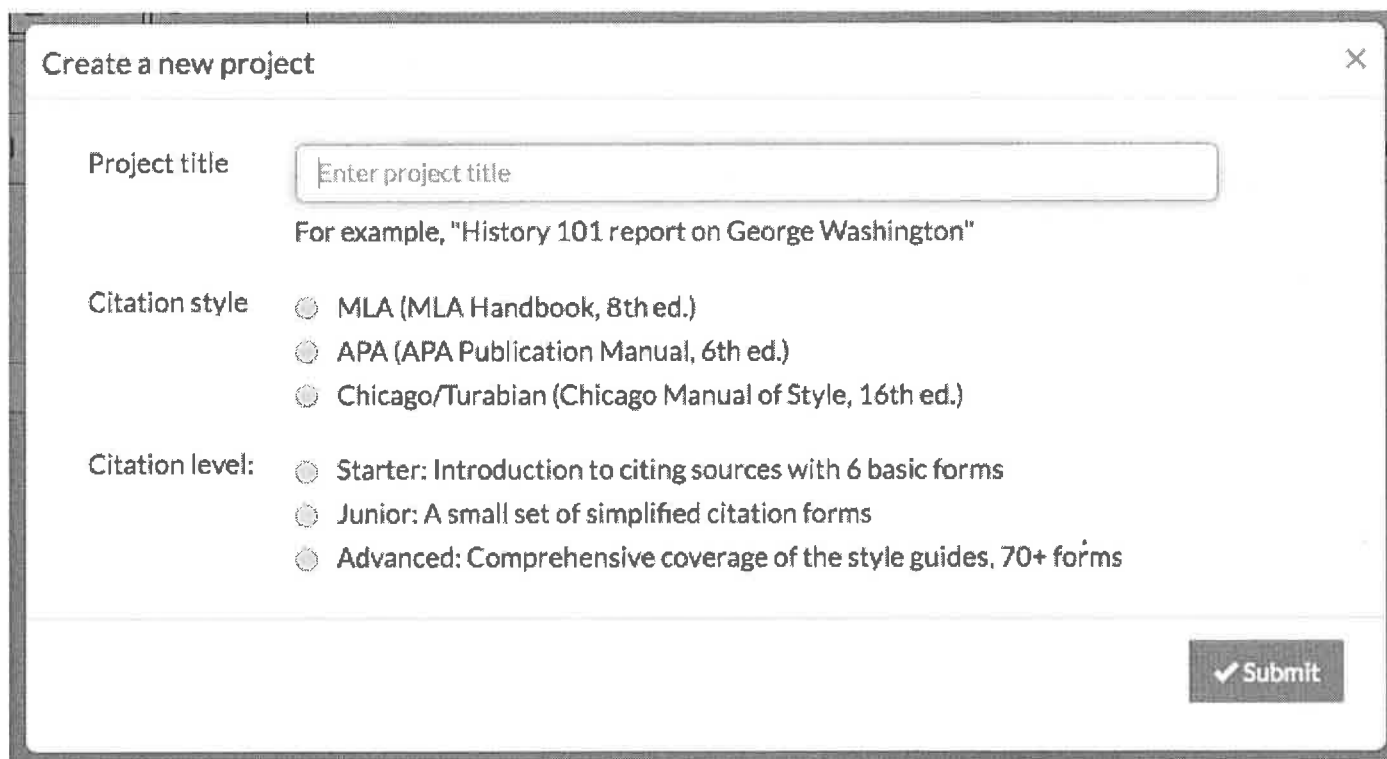
Go to the next section to learn how to start a new project.

How to start a new project and a source list

1. On the Projects screen, click **New project**.



2. On the Create a New Project screen that pops up, enter a name for your project and select the appropriate citation style and level. Click **Submit**. NOTE: Once you create a project, you will be able to switch seamlessly between styles and levels. So what you set up now can be changed later with one click.



3. The Dashboard screen appears. The Dashboard organizes your work environment for effective research. You can see assignments, create to-do lists, submit work, and act on feedback from teachers in an organized way, and all in one place.

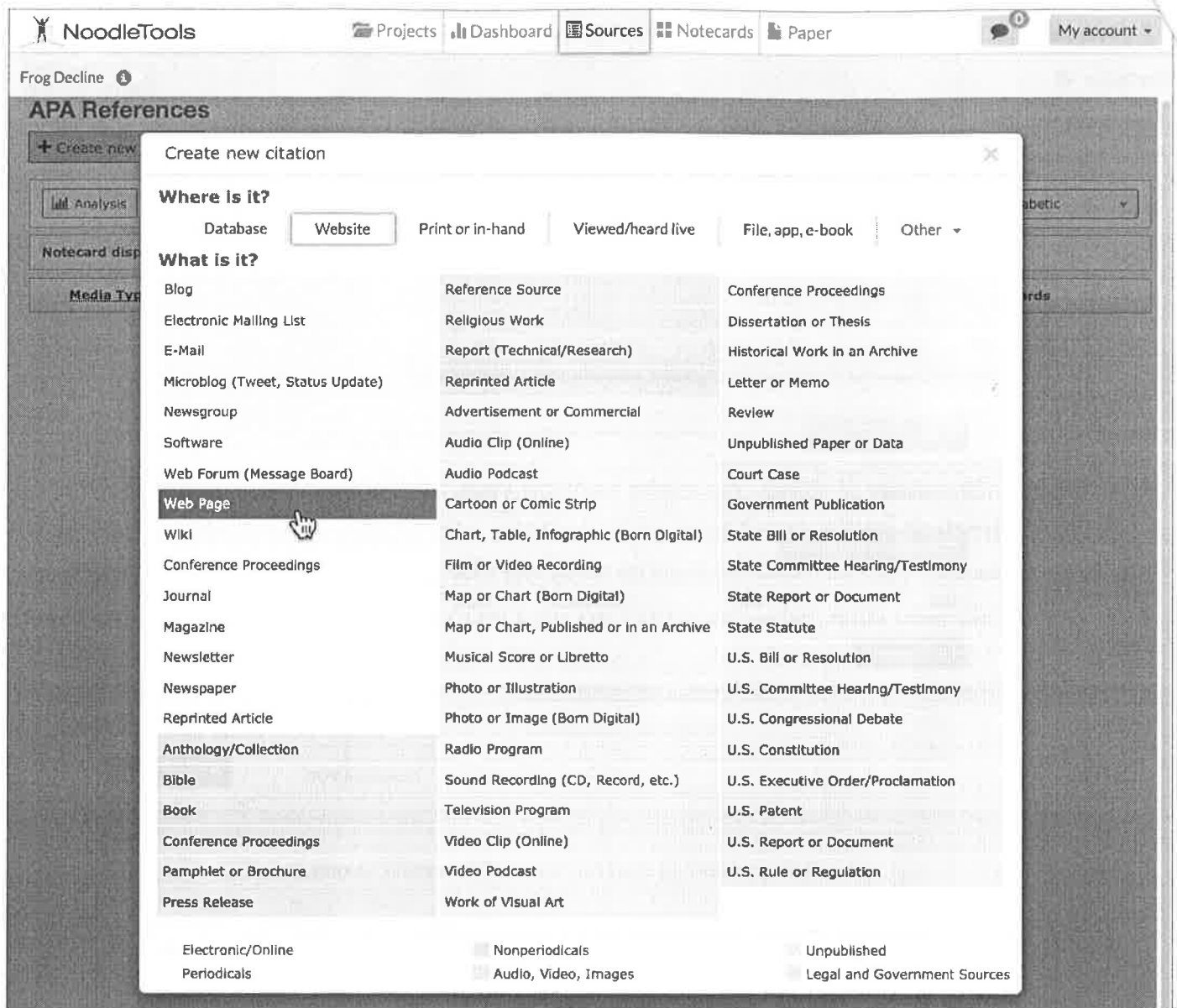
The screenshot shows the NoodleTools interface for a project titled "Frog Decline". The navigation bar at the top includes "Projects", "Dashboard", "Sources", "Notecards", and "Paper". The "Sources" tab is currently selected. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Project details:** Includes fields for "Research question:", "Thesis / Main claim / Hypothesis:", "History:", "Paper:", and "Links:". Each field has a "[Click to edit]" link. The "History" field shows "Project created : 07/05/16 12:06PM | Updated : 07/05/16 01:16PM | 30-day log of work done on this project". The "Paper" field has a "Start paper in Google Docs" link.
- Sharing and collaboration:**
 - Public view:** A "Turn on public access" button.
 - Sharing:** A "Project Inbox" field with a "Paper" field next to it, and a "Share with a project inbox" button.
 - Student collaboration:** A table with columns "User", "Type", "Contribution", and "Paper", and an "Add students" button.
- To-do list:** A section with a "Show completed to-do items" checkbox and a table with columns "To-do items", "Due date", and "Completed (PDT)", plus an "Add to-do item" button.

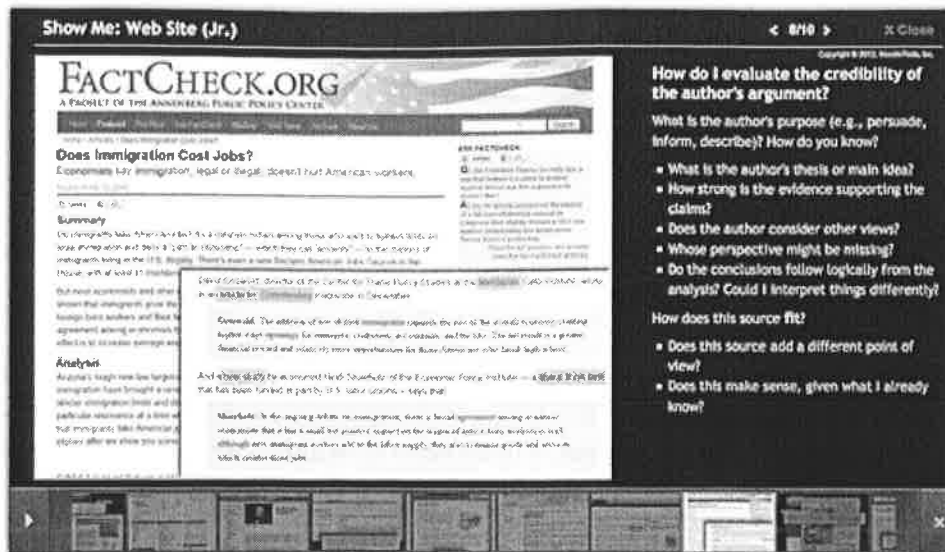
4. To begin citing sources, click **Sources** in the navigation bar at the top.

This screenshot shows the top navigation bar of NoodleTools. The "Sources" tab is highlighted with a red box, indicating it is the selected option. Other tabs include "Projects", "Dashboard", "Notecards", and "Paper". The "Frog Decline" project name and an "Add comment" button are also visible.

5. On the Sources screen, click **Create new citation** and select the best match for your source from the choices given.




6. On the next screen, depending on the citation type selected, a **Show Me** tutorial may be available to help you evaluate the source. The lessons are differentiated based on which level you are in: Starter, Junior, or Advanced. Below is an example of a slide from the **Show Me** tutorial for Website, Junior level.



7. Click **Continue** to go to the next screen.

8. Fill in the citation form with information about your source. If your source is a book, you can locate the book in **WorldCat** (via an ISBN number or title/author search) and it will automatically fill in the form with the book's details, checked and revised for accuracy by NoodleTools.

Citing: from:

Quick cite: Import: 

Print

DOI:

Chapter or Section

Leave this section blank if (a) you are citing the entire book, or (b) the author of the chapter/part is also the author and only contributor to the book as a whole.

Contributors to section:

Role	First name	Middle name	Last name or group	Suffix
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Type of chapter/section:

Section title:

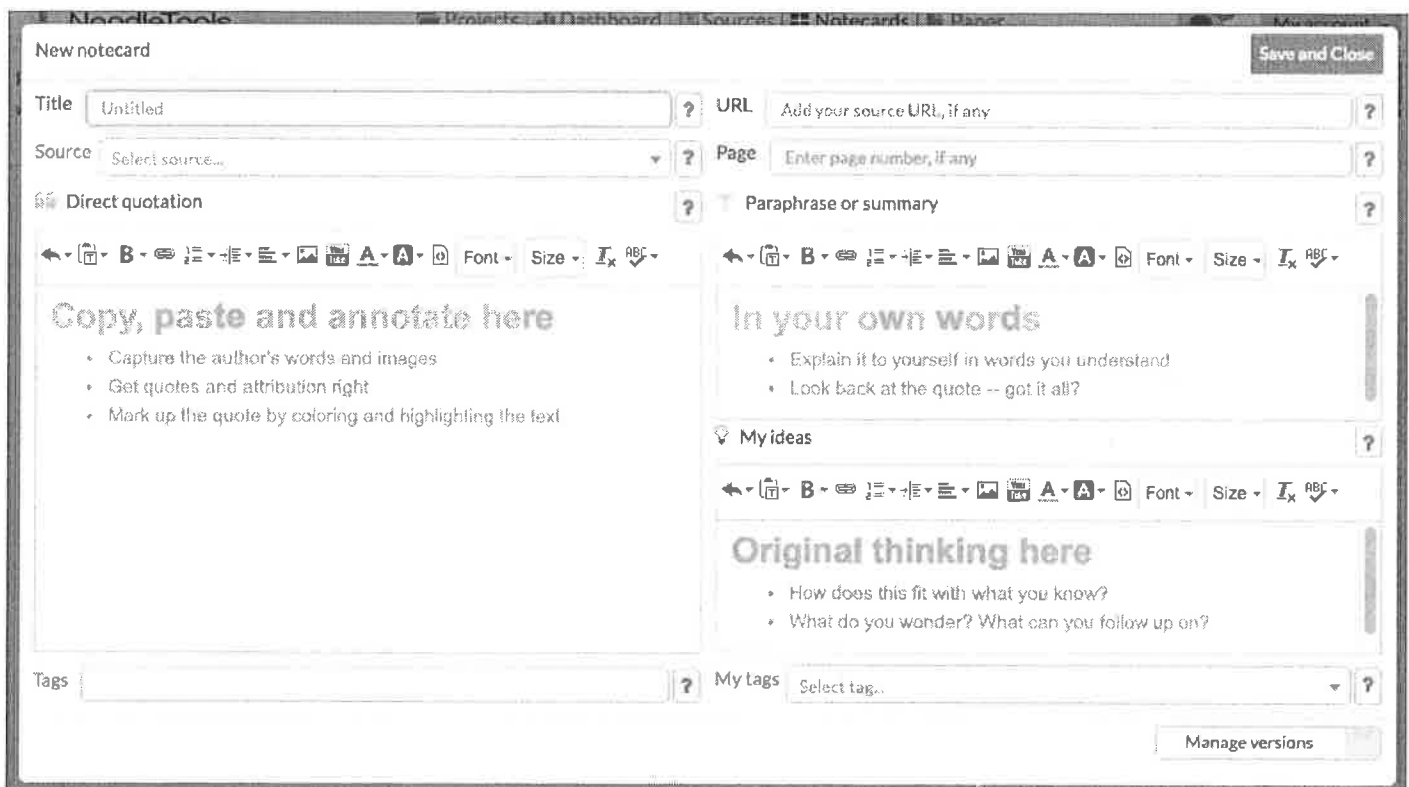
9. After you finish entering information about your source, click **Submit** to save your new citation.

How to create notecards

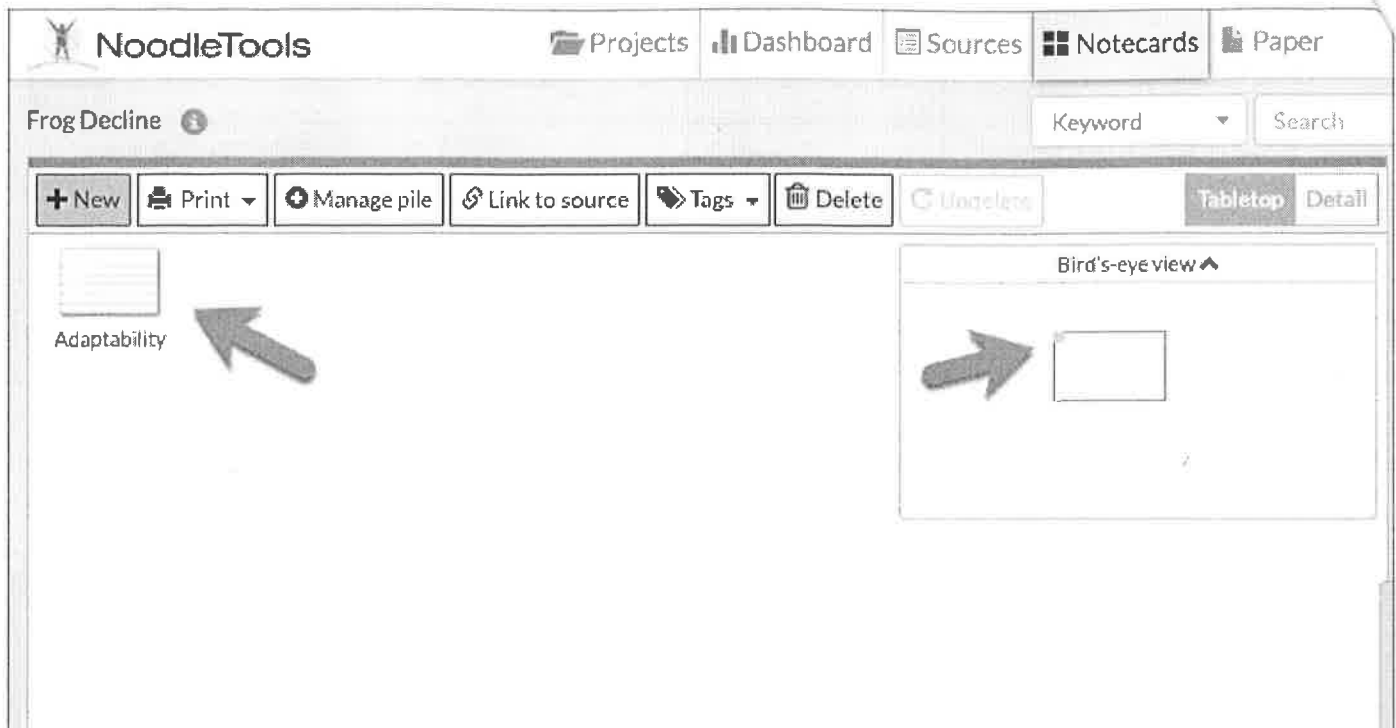
1. Click **Notecards** in the navigation bar at top.
2. On the Notecard Tabletop, click **New**.



3. Input notes about your source.



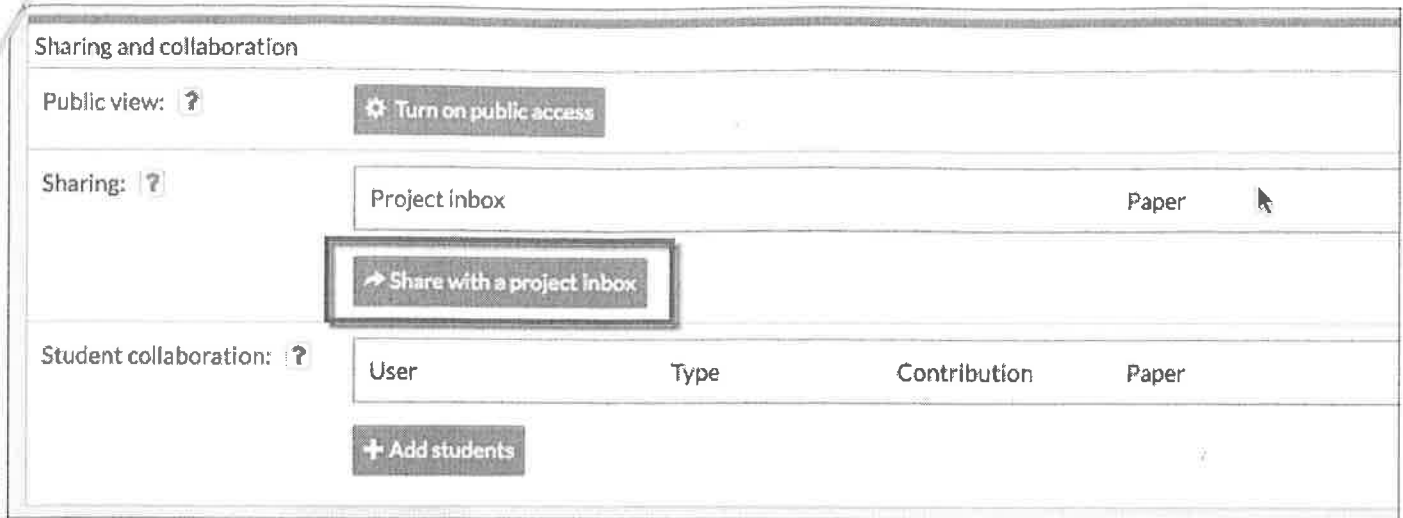
4. Your notecard gets saved automatically as you add information. When you are done, click **Save and Close** to save your final changes and close the window. New notecards appear in the upper left corner of your tabletop and in the **bird's eye view**.



TIP: Once you've created multiple notecards, you can pile them. Drag a notecard and drop it on another notecard to create a new pile, or use the **Manage pile** option above the tabletop to manage existing and create new piles with selected notecards. Notecard piles become the basis of organization within the Outline panel next to the Notecard Tabletop.

How to share a project with your teacher

1. On your project's Dashboard screen, under **Sharing**, click **Share with a project inbox**.



2. In the **Project inbox** field, enter the name of the inbox (as provided by your teacher). When the first letter of the inbox's name is entered, a drop-down menu will appear and the name of the drop box can be selected.



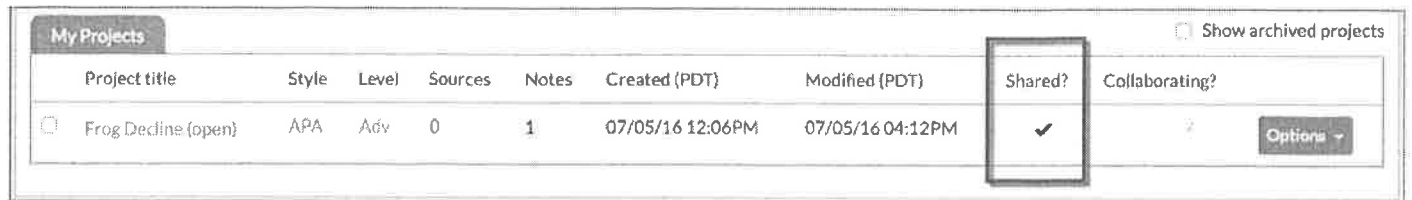
3. Enter your name so that your teacher can identify you (if not clear from your username).

4. If you already linked a Google Doc to your project via Paper in the top navigation, you can check **Share linked Google Doc**.

5. Click **Done**.

6. On the Dashboard screen you will now see the inbox's name under **Project inbox**.

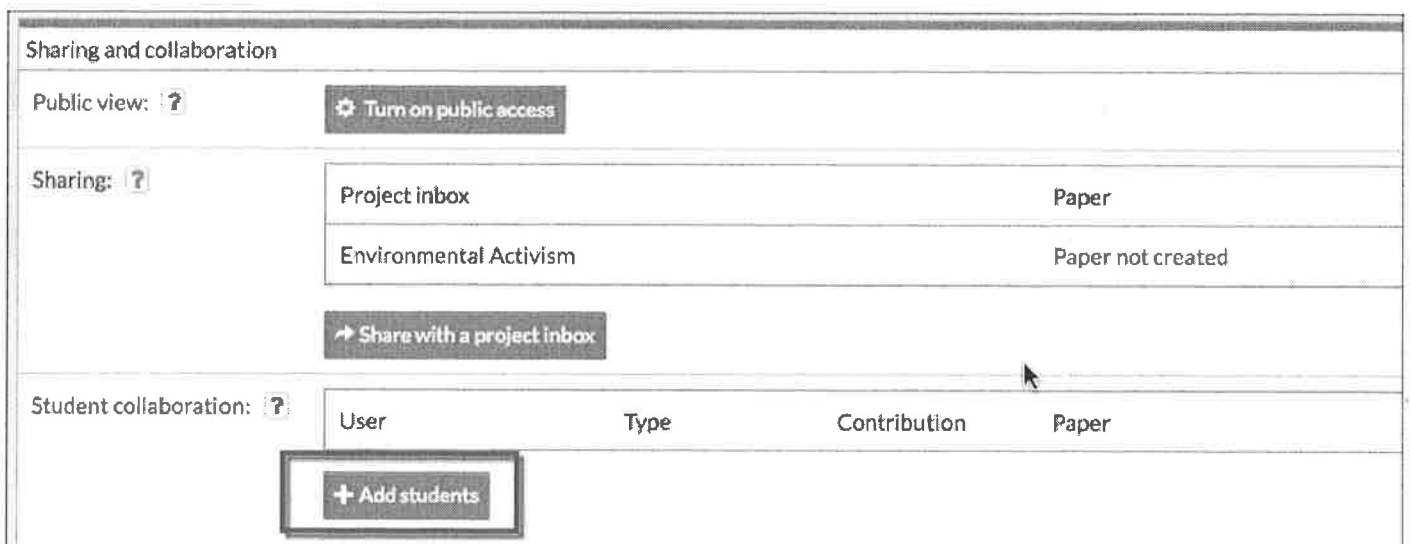
7. On the Projects screen, you will see a checkmark in the **Shared?** column.



My Projects							Show archived projects	
Project title	Style	Level	Sources	Notes	Created (PDT)	Modified (PDT)	Shared?	Collaborating?
<input type="checkbox"/> Frog Decline (open)	APA	Adv	0	1	07/05/16 12:06PM	07/05/16 04:12PM	✓	?

How to set up a project collaboration with your classmates

1. On the project's Dashboard screen, under **Student Collaboration**, click **Add students**.



Sharing and collaboration

Public view: ? [Turn on public access](#)

Sharing: ?

Project inbox	Paper
Environmental Activism	Paper not created

[Share with a project inbox](#)

Student collaboration: ?

User	Type	Contribution	Paper
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[+ Add students](#)

2. In the field that opens up, enter the collaborator's Personal ID. You can select **Full collaborator** if you wish to allow full add/edit/delete access, or **Peer-**

reviewer if you want to share it as read-only (with just the ability to receive comments). If you need to add more collaborators, click **Add more**.

Student collaboration: ?

User	Type	Contribution	Paper
+ Add students			
ptsweeney	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Full collaborator ?	<input type="radio"/> Peer-reviewer ?	
+ Add more			
<input checked="" type="button" value="Done"/> <input type="button" value="Close"/>			

3. Click **Done**.

4. All collaborators added are displayed on the dashboard for the project.

Student collaboration: ?

User	Type	Contribution	Paper
You	Full collaborator	0 1 0	No Google ID
ptsweeney	Full collaborator	0 0 0	Paper not created <input type="button" value="Remove"/>
+ Add students			