

MLA 8 Paper Format Cheat Sheet

Hays 1

Use standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper
Times New Roman 12 pt for all text
1" margin-top/bottom, right/left
Double-space all lines

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& page # in the
Header

Mollye Hays

Your full name

Professor Jane Smith

Your Teacher's name

English 9

Name of the class

2 February 2017

Date

Indent each
paragraph. No
extra lines
between
paragraphs

Title of your paper. No Bold or
larger letters
Double spaced above the 1st
paragraph

MLA General Format

MLA style specifies guidelines for formatting manuscripts and using the English language in writing. MLA style also provides writers with a system for referencing their sources through parenthetical citation in their essays and Works Cited pages.

Writers who properly use MLA also build their credibility by demonstrating accountability to their source material. Most importantly, the use of MLA style can protect writers from accusations of plagiarism, which is the purposeful or accidental uncredited use of source material by other writers.

If you are asked to use MLA format, be sure to consult the *MLA Handbook* (8th edition). Publishing scholars and graduate students should also consult the *MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing* (3rd edition). The *MLA Handbook* is available in most writing centers and reference libraries; it is also widely available in bookstores, libraries, and at the MLA web site.

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- Start the Works Cited info on a new page.
- 1 inch margin all around
- Times New Roman 12 pt.
- No Bold or larger letters

- Entries in alphabetical order by author or title
- All Double Spaced
- No extra spaces between citations

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