MLA QUICK GUIDE

MLA is the Modern Language Association's guidelines for formatting manuscripts and using the English language in academic writing.

This quick reference provides formats for the most commonly cited sources and is by no means an exhaustive list.

Formatting checklist
- ☑ Heading = your name, your professor's name, your course name, and the date due in the top left corner
- ☑ Margins = one inch around
- ☑ Times New Roman font, 12 point
- ☑ Double-spaced throughout
- ☑ Page numbers start on the first page, top right
- ☑ Quotations that are **five lines or longer** should be blocked and the entire quote indented one inch

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