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# BASIC FORMAT GUIDELINES

HOWEVER, ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF YOUR INSTRUCTOR!!!



# THE TITLE PAGE

- MLA does not need a separate page of the title, unless specifically requested
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  - Course information
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- The body of your text should be double spaced
- The font should be readable (we recommend Times New Roman)
- The font size of 12 pt.
- Using the header function, add page numbers to the top right-hand of the pages included your last name
- The margins of the document is set to 1 inch on all sides

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# IN-TEXT CITATIONS

- MLA uses in-text citation when citing any ideas that are not yours
- In-text citation must include Author's last name and the page number(s)
- There are two ways to use in-text citation (both can be used in the same paper)
  - Parenthetical Citations
  - Narrative Citations

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In 2007, Estonia's decision to relocate "politically contentious war memorial statues from the center of Tallinn to a nearby military cemetery" angered Estonia's ethnic Russian population and supporters in Russia, which led to protests and riots in the street of Tallinn (Haataja 160). **Parenthetical Citation**

**Narrative Citation** Haataja stated that following the riots, the Estonian government was hit with waves of DDoS cyber-attacks, lasting three weeks (160). This cyber-attack effectively disrupted the ability of the Estonian government to provide services to their citizens. Disrupted websites and services included: governmental department websites, media organizations, banks, Internet Service Providers, and emergency service lines (Haataja 161). The estimated economic impact of these cyber-attacks was "between 27 to 40 million United States (US) dollars" (Haataja 161).

**Paraphrasing Citation**

Parenthetical Citation w/  
a quotation at the end

## WORKS CITED

- The works cited page should start on a separate page and should have “Works Cited” centered at the top of the page.
- Works Cited should be listed alphabetically by last name of author or organization name
- If the reference continues to a second line a hanging indentation should be used.
- If there are 3 or more authors, list the first author followed by “et al.”
- All in-text citations must have corresponding work cited entry and vice-versa
- If an electronic book or journal article is used include a DOI or permalink in the citation
- If a webpage is used, include a link in the citation

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Author A's Last Name, First name, and Author B's  
First name Last name. *Title of book: Subtitle*. City of  
Publication, Publisher Name, Date of publication.  
DOI (if available)

Example:

Danner, Lukas K. *China's Grand Strategy:  
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## Works Cited format for chapter in an edited book

Chapter Author A's Last Name, First name, and Author B's  
First name Last name. "Chapter." *Title of Book*, edited by  
Editor's name, Publisher Name, Date of publication, pages of  
the chapter. DOI (if available)

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## Works Cited format for academic journals

Author A's Last Name, First name, and Author B's First name Last name. "Title of article." *Title of Periodical*, vol. insert volume number, no. issue number, Year of publication, pp. pages. DOI (if available).

Example:

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## Works Cited format for online webpages

Last name, A. A or organization name. "Title of page," *Site name*, Year resources was created posted, URL. Accessed date accessed.

Example:

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## Works Cited format for a tweet

[@username](#). “Content of the post.” *Site Name*, Date of tweet (day month year), Time of tweet, [URL](#).

Example:

[\(@SecBlinken\)](#). “Only by understanding how the climate is changing can we implement the solutions to meet this crisis. The latest report from the [@IPCC\\_CH](#) illustrates why every country must increase their climate ambition and action in the coming decade.” *Twitter*, 9 August 2021, 7:45 a.m., <https://twitter.com/SecBlinken/status/1424708269734518785>.

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# USEFUL RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- Modern Language Association: MLA Style
  - <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines>
- Purdue Online Writing Lab MLA Style (9th Edition)
  - [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/mla\\_formatting\\_quotations.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_quotations.html)

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