

## MLA Paper Format

MLA is the documentation style developed by the Modern Language Association. MLA rules govern the formatting of pages, in-text citations, and the corresponding list of works cited. MLA is used primarily for subjects in the arts and humanities.

- White, 8-1/2 by 11-inch paper
- One-inch margins
- Heading: top left margin: your name, instructor's name, course number, and date on separate lines
- Title: Centered, double space after heading
- Indent first word of each paragraph 5 spaces (or one-half inch) from left margin
- Indent long quotations (more than 4 lines/40 words or more than 3 lines of poetry) 10 spaces (or one inch) from left margin
- Double-space throughout
- Page numbers: Number all pages consecutively in the upper right hand corner, one-half inch from the top. Type your last name before page number.

The diagram illustrates the layout of an MLA paper page. It is divided into three main sections by horizontal lines:

- heading:** Located at the top left, it contains the student's name (Sam Smith), instructor's name (Professor Johnson), course number (English 101), and date (9 October 2002). The page number (1) and the student's last name (Smith) are positioned in the upper right corner.
- double space throughout:** This section contains the title of the paper, "Blinding Dreams," centered below the heading. It also contains the main body of the paper, which is double-spaced.
- block quotation:** A long quotation is indented 10 spaces from the left margin. It discusses Willy's version of the American dream and his view of Bernard.

Below the main body of the paper is a "Works Cited" page, which is also double-spaced and contains a list of references. The page number (7) and the student's last name (Smith) are in the upper right corner of this page.

Please see MLA citation guidelines

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