

# MLA Style 9th Edition

## **Formatting**

- Margins: 1 inch margins on all sides of the page.
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- **Double spaced:** for the content of the paper.
- Page numbers: your last name followed by a space with a page number flush top right.
- **Paper Size:** 8.5 x 11-inch paper
- Paragraphs: Indent first line of each paragraph one half-inch from the left margin "Tab".

## **MLA Style Order**

- MLA Header
- Introduction
- Body
- Conclusion
- Works Cited

#### **MLA Header**

- Upper left corner:
  - o Your full name
  - Instructor's name
  - o Course
  - o Date

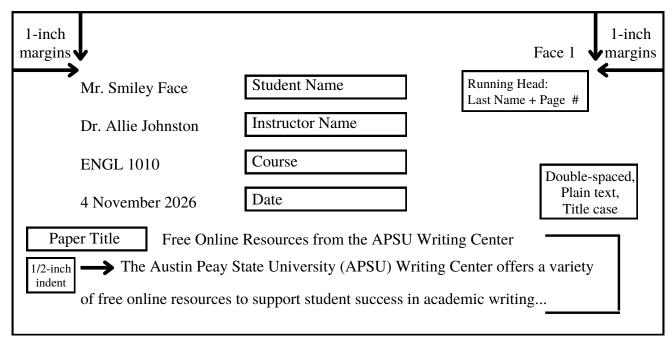
### **MLA Title**

- Double space between the title and the first line of the text.
- Use quotation marks or italics when referring to other works in your title.
  - Example: Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas as Morality Play; Human Weariness in "After Apple Picking"



# MLA Style 9th Edition - Headings

# Sample MLA First Page



## **Section Headings**

- When dividing an essay into sections, include a number followed by a period, a space, and then the section title.
- Create headings and subheadings as needed, and remain consistent throughout your essay.
  - Heading Example:
    - Formatted, unnumbered:
    - Level 1 Heading: bold, flush left
    - Level 2 Heading: italics, flush left
    - Level 3 Heading: centered, bold
    - Level 4 Heading: centered, italics
    - Level 5 Heading: underlined, flush left



# MLA Style 9th Edition - Citations

### **In-text Citations**

• Throughout your MLA essay, you must provide references for any material you quote, paraphrase, or summarize. This is done through in-text citations and the Works Cited page.

### **Author-Page Style Citations**

- For the Author–Page Style, include the author's last name and the page number in your citation.
- The author's name can appear in the sentence or in parentheses following the quotation or paraphrase.
- Page number(s) should always appear in parentheses, not in the text of your sentence.
  - **Example**: Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).
  - **Example:** Romantic poetry is characterized by the "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (Wordsworth 263).

### **Works Cited Page**

- The Works Cited page appears on a **separate page** at the end of your essay. It provides full citations for all sources referenced in your text.
- Any source information included in the text must correspond exactly to the entry on the Works
  Cited page.
- **Title:** Work Cited or Works Cited (centered at the top of the page).
- **Spacing:** Double-space all entries.
- **Indentation:** Use a hanging indent by indenting the second and following lines of each citation by half an inch.

#### Work Cited

Garcia, Maria. "Understanding Social Media Trends." *Communication Studies Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2018, pp. 10-25. JSTOR, doi:10.5678/csqr.35.2.10.



# MLA Style 9th Edition - Citation Guide

## **Book by One Author**

- In Text: (Author Last Name page number).
  - Example: (Kirsh).
- Works Cited: Author Last Name, First Name. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Date.
  - Example: Mantel, Hilary. Wolf Hall. Picador, 2010.

## **Book by Two Authors**

- In Text: (Author 1's Last Name and Author 2's Last Name Page Number)
  - **Example:** (Garcia and Patel 72).
- Works Cited: Last Name, First Name of First Author, and First Name Last Name of Second Author. *Title of Book*. Publisher, Publication Year.
  - Example: Garcia, Maria, and Sanjay Patel. Economics: Principles and Applications.
    McGraw-Hill Education, 2019.

### **Book by an Unknown Author**

- In Text: (Title of Book Page Number).
  - **Example:** (Encyclopedia of World History 78).
- Works Cited: Title of Book. Publisher, Year.
  - Example: Encyclopedia of World History. Oxford University Press, 2017.



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### **Library Database Articles**

- In Text: (Author's Last Name Page Number).
  - Example: (Garcia 22).
- Works Cited: Author's Last Name, First Name. "Title of Article: Subtitle if Any." Name of Journal, Volume Number, Issue Number, Date of Publication, First Page Number-Last Page Number. Name of Database, DOI, Permalink or URL.
  - Example: Garcia, Maria. "Understanding Social Media Trends." *Communication Studies Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 2, 2018, pp. 10-25. JSTOR, doi:10.5678/csqr.35.2.10.

### Websites

- In Text: (Author Last Name or Title of Website)
  - **Example:** (Mabillard)
- Works Cited: Author's Last Name, First Name. Title of Website, Name of Organization
   Affiliated with the Website, Date of copyright or date last modified/updated, URL. Accessed access date (optional).
  - Example: Mabillard, Amanda. Shakespeare Online, 29 Dec. 2011, www.shakespeare-online.com. Accessed 6 July 2016.

#### YouTube

- **In-text:** (Username or Title of the Video).
  - **Example:** (PBS Space Time).
- Works Cited: Username or Title of the Video. "Title of the Video." *YouTube*, Uploaded by Name of the Channel, Day Month Year of Upload, URL.
  - Example: PBS Space Time. "What If We Detonated a Nuclear Bomb on the Moon?" *YouTube*, Uploaded by PBS Space Time, 4 March 2023, www.youtube.com/watch? v=Iap0H5Gi1-4.



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