



Jane Doe
Dr. John Smith
English 123
16 July 2014

Author's name, professor's name, class title, and due date (in this format)

One inch margins on the top, bottom, left, and right. Text should be double spaced throughout, using 12-Point, Times New Roman font

Titles should be centered horizontally

Sample MLA Paper: How to Format Your Work

Doe 1
Author's last name followed by page number

Half-inch indent for each new paragraph

Always alphabetize sources based on the first letter of the author's last name. Anything after the first line of the citation needs to be indented. Basic formula: author, title, publication, date, page (if not taking information from the whole book), medium. If there is no author, start the citation with the title of the source. If there is no date, write N.d (which stands for no date). If there is no publication, write N.p (which stands for no publisher/unknown publisher).

When the author's name is mentioned in the paper, only cite the page number at the end.

In-text citations come after the quote but before the period

Example: According to Redding, it is better to eat smaller meals throughout the day than three large meals (123). If the sentence does not mention the author the information is from, cite both the author's last name and page number in parenthesis. Example: Dingoes are a type of wild dog found in Australia (Letourneau 37).

Last name comes before page number for citation with source

If the article/work being cited doesn't have an author, either use the full name of the title or shorten the title and the page number(s) in parenthesis. Example: There have been arguments for big foot being real, but there is very little evidence to support this claim ("Big Foot Lives?" 17-19). If the page number is unknown, then use only the author's name (or article title) in parenthesis. Example: Stress affects everyone differently, and there are different physical and emotional reactions to stress (American Heart Association).

Center the title "Works Cited" using the same font in regular style

Works Cited

Asher, Jay and Carolyn Mackler. *The Future of Us*. New York: Penguin. 2012. Print.

Barrera, Rebecca Maria. "A Case for Bilingual Education." *Scholastic Parent and Child* Nov.-
Dec. 2004: 72-73. Academic Search Premier. Web. 1 Feb. 2009.

Marchetta, Melina. *Saving Francesca*. New York: Knopf. 2003. Print.

McGrath, Anne. "A Loss of Foreign Talent." *US and World Report* 22 Nov. 2004: 76. Print.

Ryan, Katy. "Revolutionary Suicide in Toni Morrison's Fiction." *African American Review* 34.3
(2000): 389-412. Print.

United States Environmental Protection Agency. *Drinking Water Standards*. EPA, 28 Nov. 2006.
Web. 24 Jan. 2007.

"Walking Tacos." *Unauthentic Mexican Food*. 13 Nov. 2011. Web. 13 Apr. 2012.

The works cited page begins on a new page

Entries are arranged alphabetically by last name

Use a hanging indent for entries that extend beyond one line

MLA no longer requires a URL for online sources. Instead, write "Web" before the access date

If no author is listed for an article, begin with the article title