

Reviewing your Rough Draft

1. Does your essay have an original title?
2. Does your introductory paragraph include a brief summary of the book?
3. Does your introduction end with a thesis statement?
4. Do all of your body paragraphs relate to your thesis statement?
5. Does each body paragraph start with a topic sentence?
6. Does each body paragraph contain at least one quote from the book?
7. Is each quote followed by an explanation of the quote's relevance to your topic?
8. Do you have at least 5 paragraphs total?
9. Review the MLA notes on the backside of this page →

MLA Formatting Instructions

MLA format is the standard format that you will use for most academic writing. Here are some of the basics:

1. Write in 12 point Times New Roman font
2. Double space your entire paper
3. Indent the first line of each paragraph ½ inch (press “tab” once)
4. You don’t need to add an extra space between paragraphs
5. In-text citations should be formatted as follows:

“The fish wore sunglasses indoors and dreamed of being a rock and roll star” (Jones 32).

6. Format the first page of your essay as follows:

1" ↑
Your Name
Instructor's Name ← **double space text**
Class information (English 1A)
Date

Center Title of Essay

Begin your paragraph one double-spaced line below ← **1"**

← **1"** **your centered title; the paragraph should begin with a 1/2" tabbed indent. The paper's heading goes in the upper-left corner of the first page only. Use 1" margins all around. Double space everything, including blocked quotes. Do not justify the right margin.** ← **double space text**