

MLA format for your academic papers

(Rules according to the 7th edition published in 2009. The 8th edition will be published April 2016.)

1) In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, put your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date. Note the style for the date in the example below.

2) Center the title. Use title-style capitalization for the title.

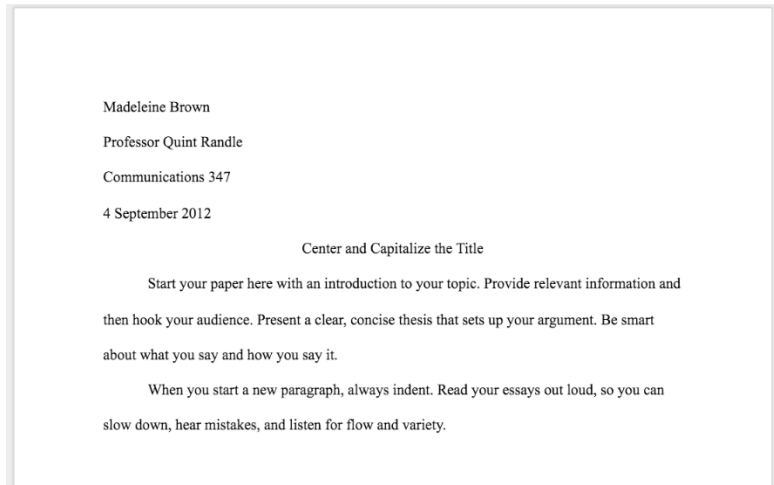
3) Set your font to Times New Roman.

4) Set your font size to 12 pt.

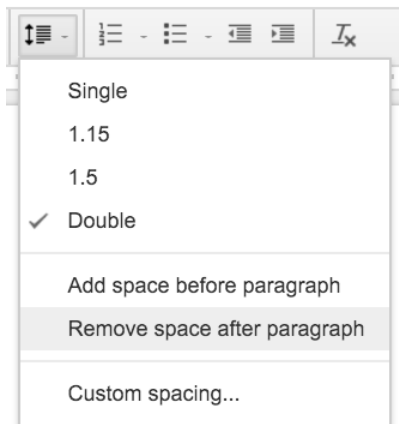
5) Set all margins to 1 inch.

6) Put only one space after periods and other punctuation.

7) Use the Tab key to indent the first line of paragraphs one half-inch from the left margin.



8) Double-space the text. No extra spaces after or before paragraphs.



9) Create a header with your last name and page number in the upper right-hand corner. The header should be a half inch from the top and line up with the right margin.

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