

MLA Formatting

The MLA (Modern Language Association) suggests that, when creating a document on a computer, the writer try to maintain a series of guidelines that make it easier for people to read a composition without causing the style to distract from the content. The following are to be used for work in this class:

- Use only Times New Roman or Calibri, 12-point font.
- All four margins should be set to 1 inch.
- Align text to the left and do not justify.
- Double space throughout.
- Include the following four lines (double-spaced) at the top left of page 1 only.
 - Student's whole name - Ex. Jane/John Doe
 - Teacher's name - Ex. Mr. Ahrens
 - Class/ period - Ex. Frosh Tech Per. 1
 - Date (day, month, year) - Ex. 15 August 2008
- Create a header that states your last name and then numbers all pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner. (this should appear on all pages except the first.)
- Center title on the line below your personal information and begin your paper on the line below the title.
- Use either underlining or *italics* throughout your essay for highlighting the titles of longer works and for providing emphasis.
- Turn off your word processor's automatic hyperlink feature (URLs on your works cited page should neither be underlined nor hyperlinked).
- Website addresses should be placed between <angle brackets> to set them apart from the rest of the text.
- Print on only one side of each piece of paper.

Here is a sample of an essay in MLA style:

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Dr. B. Boilermaker

English 101

12 November 2000

Building a Dream: Reasons to Expand Ross-Aide Stadium

During the 2000 football season, the Purdue Boilermakers won the Big Ten Conference Title, earned their first trip to the Rose Bowl in thirty-four years, and played consistently to sold-out crowds.

Looking ahead...

Purdue 2

the University of Washington Husky football team wins against the Purdue Boilermakers 34-24 in the annual Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, California. The Rose Bowl pits football teams chosen from the PAC-10 conference from the West against the Big Ten conference from the East. This game marks the 14th Rose Bowl in which...

This is only a small part of the MLA format, but it will serve us well in this class. For more information on MLA, check the links on the Frosh Tech website or do a web search.