MLA Format, 8ᵗʰ Edition: First Page

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When you write a paper in MLA format, remember to do the following:
- Select a readable font (Times New Roman, Calibri) in an appropriate size (12 pt.).
- Set one-inch margins on each side of the text (excluding the page header, which is discussed below).
- Double-space your paper.
- Use only one space after each period.

No title page is required for a paper written in MLA format. (Note: If your instructor requires a title page, format it according to the instructions you're given.)

The first page of a paper written in MLA format includes the following components:
- **Page header in the upper right-hand corner**
  Half an inch from the top of the page and flush with the right margin, type your last name, a space, and then insert the page number.
- **Name and course information in left corner**
  One inch from the top of the page and flush with the left margin, type each of the following pieces of information on separate, double-spaced lines:
  - Your first and last name
  - Your professor's name
  - Your class's name and number (e.g., ENGL 111)
  - Date of submission as DAY MONTH YEAR (remembering that all months get abbreviated in MLA except May, June, and July)
- **Title of paper**
  On a new, double-spaced line, center your title even if it is longer than one line. Do not apply any styles to the title; italicize only the parts you would italicize in the text.
- **Text of paper**
  Indent each new paragraph half an inch and double-space throughout.

Example

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Double-space and begin the body of your paper here. Indent each paragraph one half of an inch. Be aware that Microsoft *Word* for Office 2007 automatically adds an extra space between paragraphs, so you should be sure to change that default.