

MLA Paper Format

General Guidelines

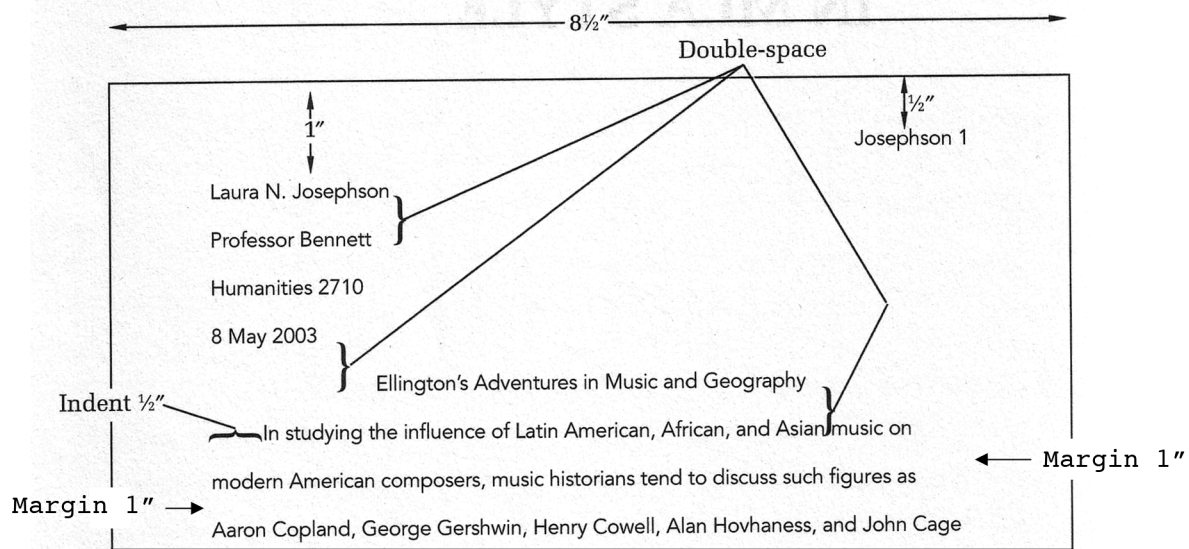
- Type your paper or write it on a computer and print it out on standard-sized paper (8.5 X 11 inches).
- Double-space your paper.
- Set the margins of your document to 1 inch on all sides.
- Create a header that numbers all pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner, one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin.
- Use either underlining or *italics* (not both) throughout your essay for highlighting the titles of appropriate works.
- If you have any explanatory endnotes, include them on a page before your works cited page. All documentation is handled through the Works Cited page.

Formatting the first page of your paper

- Do not make a title page for your paper unless specifically requested.
- Provide a double-spaced entry in the top left corner of the first page that lists your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date.
- Create a header that numbers all pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner, one-half inch from the top and flush with the right margin.
- Center your title on the line below the header with your name, and begin your paper immediately below the title.

A sample first page of an essay in MLA style is attached:

First Page of a Research Paper



Subsequent pages of a Research Paper

