# **MLA Style | QC Writing Center**

**What’s MLA?**

The Modern Language association has its own documentation style and conventions, particularly for writers belonging to humanities disciplines.

**Formatting**

* Double space your papers and write in a 12 pt. legible font like Times New Roman.
* Do not create a title page for your paper; rather, create a header that numbers all pages consecutively in the upper right-hand corner
	+ Note: Your instructor may ask that you omit the number on your first page. **Always defer to your instructor’s specifications.**
* In the upper left-hand corner of the first page, list your name, your instructor's name, the course, and the date.
* Center your title and write it in Title Case. Only use italics or quotation marks in your title if you’re referring to another work within it.
	+ Ex: On Being “Ken-ough” and Other Profundities of Greta Gerwig’s *Barbie* Movie

**In-Text Citations**

* To create an in-text citation of a source, indicate the author’s last name and the page number/rage from which your direct quote *or* paraphrasing comes. Only include the digits of the page number(s).
	+ Ex: It’s been said that "students often have difficulty using APA style," (Jones 199).
	+ Ex: “Student often have difficulty using MLA style,” writes Joan Jones (199).

**Works Cited Page**

* Attach all of your references in a page titled Works Cited (centered, unformatted) with formatting matching the rest of the paper.
* Arrange your Works Cited entries in alphabetical order by author last name (or, in the case that your source contains no author, by whatever letter appears first in its entry).
* Left-justify but do not indent the first line of each entry.
* Indent the second and all subsequent lines of each entry to create a hanging indent.
* If you have any endnotes, include them on a separate page before your Works Cited page. Title the section Notes (centered, unformatted).