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MLA is very strict with its formats. Several things need to be kept in mind. First of all, remember to use one-inch margins. Those people who use Microsoft Word will need to go into page setup and change the default margins in order to comply with this. The entire paper, including the heading, title, indented quotations, and the list of Works Cited should be double-spaced. Use a standard font, most preferably Times New Roman size twelve. Page numbers should be typed ½ inch from the top of the page in the right-hand corner. The author's last name goes before the page number. In Microsoft Word, this is located under View and then Header and Footer. Notice the title at the top of this page. This should be in regular font – do not bold or underline, and there is no need to make the size larger. The Works Cited page will not need the heading (author's name, teacher's name, etc.), but it will require that the author continue the page numbering from the paper itself. So, if the last page of the paper ends on page seven, the Works Cited would be numbered page eight.

The last part many students struggle with is spacing between paragraphs. As said in the previous paragraph, the entire paper is double-spaced. This means that no extra lines are required between paragraphs, as seen above.