

MLA Format

Fewer than 5 errors in MLA format, including citing sources in the text, block quotes, citing information as often as necessary, margins, font size, title, etc. Sources are cited as often as necessary. **20**

Approximately 5 to 7 errors in MLA format. Sources may not be cited as often as necessary or correctly. **17**

Approximately 8 to 10 errors in MLA format. Sources may not be cited as often as necessary. **15**

More than 10 errors in MLA format. Sources may not be cited as often as necessary. **13**

Little or no effort was made to properly document using MLA format. Sources are not cited. **0**

Works Cited Page

The paper cites at least three sources in proper MLA format with no more than 2 errors in spacing and punctuation. All necessary information is used. **10**

Only two sources cited, and/or 3 errors in MLA format. **7**

Only one source cited and/or 4 errors in MLA format. **5**

Five or more errors in MLA format. **3**

Either no Works Cited page was included or no effort was made to format it properly. **0**

Introduction/ Conclusion/ Thesis

The paper includes a focused thesis statement and a well-developed introduction and conclusion, each containing at least five sentences. **10**

The paper includes a thesis statement and an introduction and conclusion, only one of which is well-developed. **7**

The paper includes a thesis statement but an under-developed introduction and conclusion. **5**

The thesis is confusing or not apparent. There is only slight evidence of an introduction and conclusion. **3**

These are not evident in the paper. **0**

Information/ Research

The paper includes research from at least three expert sources and at least three direct quotations. Quotations are explained adequately. Argument is convincing and well executed. **30**

The paper includes research from some expert sources and a couple of direct quotations. Quotations are explained adequately. Argument is lacking in one or two places. **20**

The paper doesn't include enough research or direct quotations. Explanations are vague and underdeveloped. **15**

Little evidence of research appears. Direct quotations are not used. Information is underdeveloped. **10**

No research or direct quotations are evident. Paper is difficult to understand. **8**

Sentence Fluency

The sentences in the paper are fluid. The paper contains no more than two run-on sentences, comma splices, or fragments. Quotations are connected properly. **10**

The sentences are fairly fluid. The paper contains 3-5 run-on sentences, comma splices, or fragments. Quotations are mostly connected properly. Sentences may be too conversational. **7**

The sentences lack fluidity and are often awkwardly phrased. The paper contains more than 6 run-on sentences, comma splices, or fragments. Quotations are not connected properly. Sentences may be too conversational. **5**

Sentences are awkwardly phrased and confusing. They may also be too conversational. The paper contains more than 6 run-on sentences, comma splices, or fragments. Quotations are not connected properly. **3**

Mechanics

There are three or fewer spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors. First and second person are not used. **20**

There are 4 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors. First and second person are used once or twice. **17**

There are 5 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors. First and/or second person are used throughout. **14**

There are 6 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors. First and/or second person are used throughout. **11**

There are 7 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors or first and/or second person are used throughout. **10**

There are more than 7 spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, separate from fatal errors and/or first and second person are used throughout. **0**

Fatal Errors

1 Fatal Error **-3**

2 Fatal Errors **-6**

3 Fatal Errors **-9**

4 Fatal Error **-12**

5 Fatal Errors **-25**

6 Fatal Errors **-18**

7 Fatal Errors **-21**

Paper total:

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