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Here, just for instructional purposes on margins, is a sample block quotation:

A quotation that occupies more than four typed lines should be indented one inch (or ten spaces) from the left margin. It should be double spaced, without quotation marks at the beginning and end of the quoted material. Its right margin should be set at 1". Its parenthetical citation should be placed after the quote's last period.

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## MLA Format

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- 3) Double space everything.

- 4) The font must be **Times New Roman, 12 pt.**

- 5) The header (your last name and the page number) must appear in the top right corner.

It will be ½ inches from the edge of the page.

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Number 3, and type your last name before the page number that appears. Make sure your font is Times New Roman, pt. 12.

- 6) The title comes after the information (your name, instructor's name, etc.), and must be centered. Do not italicize, bold, underline, or put quotes around your title. It should look plain and neat.

*The other side of this paper is an example of how the first page of your essay should be formatted.*