This paper provides a template for MLA (Modern Language Association) style. MLA is often used in the humanities. MLA papers should be in 12 point, Times New Roman font, and should be double-spaced throughout.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS
For MLA in-text citations, use the author’s last name and the page number. For example, “Words words words” (AuthorLastname #) or “MLA is the best” (Smith 7). If the author is named in the text before the quote, then you can just include the page number in parentheses after the quote. For example: As Smith states, “words words words” (7). Any quote that is longer than four typed lines should be “blocked.” For example: According to Purdue OWL,

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HEADERS
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