

For this assignment, you will formatting a paper in MLA style and simply writing a few paragraphs. I am NOT grading your grammar and writing here, so this is just a practice at MLA format and gives me a chance to point you toward some things to focus on as we start to improve our writing.

1. Using the instructions for MLA format in [Writing down the Basics](#) and one of the videos you watched for homework or another good source, format your paper in MLA style. You will not have a work cited page for this assignment.
2. Write 2 paragraphs about this topic: What is one of your favorite places or events to go to in El Paso? (If you're an online student and live elsewhere, focus on where you live now.)
  - To extend this to 2 paragraphs work on describing in detail and telling a story of one of your favorite memories going there.
  - Make sure you explain **why** it's one of your favorite places to go.
3. Proofread carefully. I suggest you go to the Writing Center. As this is your first writing assignment, if you do, you can earn not just 5 extra credit points, but 10!
4. Upload the paper to [Blackboard](#) under the Unit 1 section. Make sure to turn it in to the MLA Format link.
  - **Attach** the assignment in doc or docx format.
  - If there's anything you need me to know about the assignment before I read it, **type** those comments in the submission box.
  - If you use Apple Pages or Google Docs, make sure to save and upload your documents in Word format: doc or docx.
    - [Saving as Word Format in Apple Pages.](#)
    - [How to Save a Google Doc file as a Word Doc](#)
  - Don't forget your Grammarly Report (review the [video](#) on how to get that here), and, if you went, include your Writing Center documentation.

### **General Tips**

- Remember, MLA is not picky about font as long as it's a standard one like Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial.
- Make sure to use the same font in both the paper itself and the header.
- Don't forget that if you use a template, you still need to check all the aspects of format—many templates have errors.

### **Grading**

This is graded based on these considerations:

- Margins
- Font
- Header
- Heading
- Paragraph Spacing
- Completing the writing assignment fully and thoughtfully

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**Turn this in on Blackboard under the MLA Format Assignment link.  
Check your schedule for the due date!**