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Title: Sample MLA Paper

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Again, be sure the whole paper is double-spaced with 1 inch margins all around. You must be sure to set the Paragraph setting to both double space and 0 pt spacing. Word opens with a default of 10 pt in the "After" box for Spacing. If you do not change this to 0pt, your overall grade on the paper will be taken down.

Whether your paper is one page, five pages, or ten pages long, you must have a Works Cited page to comply with MLA standards. You can find links to websites that help you cite your sources correctly at the WHCC Library website. If you quote directly or paraphrase from a source, you need to cite that source both within the text and on your Works Cited page. The next paragraph is an example of in-text citing.

Although Hollywood has made leaps and bounds with special effects and Computer Generated Imagery, actors and actresses still have to work hard if they want to land the roles of heroes. CGI can make them look younger, super-human, and even give them six-pack abs and

bulging biceps to die for...but it cannot help them off-screen. Fans want to know that their heroes aren't totally computer generated. They need to know that their heroes have worked hard. So, how do actors get themselves ready to fight aliens, terrorists, and bad guys in general? Many, such as Sylvester Stallone, Bruce Willis, and Matthew McConaughey, have called on Gunnar Peterson. Recently, Hugh Jackman called on Peterson to help him prepare for his role in *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*. Peterson says of Jackman, "Pound for pound, I'd put him up against anybody, pro athletes included" (Wuebben 105).

That was just a sample paragraph, to show an example of in-text citing. The last sentence has a quote, so the source of that quote is given in parenthesis. Then, the entire citation is given in the Works Cited page. For more guidelines, tools, and instructions visit the WHCC Library website and look under Writing Resources on the right hand column. Good luck with all your future writing endeavors!

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Notice how only the first line of each entry is completely left-aligned.

Any further lines are indented .5 inches.

Below is a list of the authors cited above and what type of citation they represent.

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