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MLA Formatting and Content

At the top of the first page, include the student's name, the professor's name, the course number (and section number if applicable), and the date followed by a centered title on a separate line. All lines are double-spaced, and you do not skip any lines between the heading and the title.

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Symbolism in William Blake's "London"

- The introduction should set the context for the rest of the paper. It should tell your readers why you are writing and why your topic is important.
- Typically, a single introductory paragraph should not exceed about two-thirds of a page (around five to eight sentences) even in a long paper. In circumstances, it may take two pages, but that occurs mostly in unusual cases.
- The thesis is a clear position that you will maintain throughout your paper. The sentence should be a synopsis of the issues you want to address.
- The thesis should be the centerpiece of your paper. The first paragraph you write should answer the question.

- The length of the paper is always at the professor's discretion.
- You should focus largely on organization and make sure you present your information in