This handout gives you the basic guidelines for how to set up the opening page of a paper using 8th and 9th editions of MLA format and the title page of a group project using MLA 9th edition format. Be sure to refer to any requirements from your instructor before following the format here.

**FIRST PAGE FORMAT**

- Use 1” (one inch) margins on all sides
- Put your last name and page number in a heading .5 inch from the top of the page on the right side
- Include your full name, the instructor’s name, the course, and the date on the left side, double-spaced, as shown above
- Center the title
- Double space all lines and do not add extra line spacing around the headers or title
- Use the same font, in the same size, and do not use bold or italics for the title
- For more information on how to set up an MLA title page, refer to our handouts on setting up MLA format for Microsoft Word and Google Docs.

While the intimate event of a mind meld is a normal part of Vulcan culture today, there was a time when the use of the mind meld was considered a private and personal practice to be used exclusively by members of the Vulcan community. Through research of well-documented events involving mind melds between inter-species aboard starships, it can be demonstrated just how important a mind meld can be when it comes to saving a life and improving the way different species understand each other. More importantly, these documented events reveal how the public use of mind melds helped to transform long-held beliefs about mind melds in Vulcan culture.
TITLE PAGE FOR GROUP PROJECTS

- Use 1” (one inch) margins on all sides (you do not need a header)
- Include each student’s full name, the instructor’s name, the course, and the date on the left side, double-spaced, as shown above
- Center the title in the middle of the page
- Use the same font, in the same size, and do not use italics or bold for the title

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