

MLA Formatting Practice: *Lorem Ipsum* Fake Essay

Lorem Ipsum is a non-sensical series of Latin words or jibberish filler text used for mock-ups in typesetting and web design. You will use *Lorem Ipsum* dummy text to practice the mechanics of MLA formatting. Follow these steps:

1. Copy and paste at least two pages of *Lorem Ipsum* into a word processing document, which will be the text of your fake essay. You can quickly generate multiple paragraphs of *Lorem Ipsum* at www.ipsium-generator.com.

Since copying text from the internet sometimes introduces unwanted formatting, be sure to Left Justify your text and follow MLA guidelines for the appropriate font, font size, and font color.

2. Format your *Lorem Ipsum* text as an essay for Honors 101 using the MLA guidelines that we learned in class (the slides are linked on our website) and that you may have to look up in the current *MLA Handbook* 8th edition (also linked on our website).
3. In your essay, include direct citations from the following five (5) different sources:
 - a) A book (pick any paragraph that is at least 10 lines long)
 - b) An article from an academic journal
 - c) An article from an online newspaper
 - d) A YouTube video
 - e) One other source of your choice

For each source, complete an MLA Practice Template (linked on our website).

4. Pick any random sentence or paragraph from your sources in Step 3. Then pick random spots in your *Lorem Ipsum* essay where you will cite these five sources. **It does not matter the content that you cite or where you place the citations in your essay. The purpose of this exercise is to practice the mechanics of MLA formatting.** For example, here is a citation from an article in an academic journal:

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5. Prepare the Works Cited page for your sources in Step 3 according to MLA guidelines.
6. On the last page of your essay, include and sign the Honors College pledge:

On my honor, I pledge that I have neither given, received, nor witnessed unauthorized help on this essay.

Signature: _____

7. Submit a printed copy of your *Lorem Ipsum* essay stapled to printed copies of the MLA Practice Templates that you completed in Step 3.

Essay due **Tuesday 13 September 2016**