

How do I use MLA or APA to format my paper?

- What are MLA and APA? MLA (Modern Language Association) and APA (American Psychological Association) are two different publication styles that instructors often ask their students to use for formatting a paper.
- MLA and APA style guides give you specific information about how to set up margins for your paper, how to insert quotations in your paper, how to create a bibliography page, and so on, in either MLA or APA style.
- Ask your instructor if he or she wants you to use MLA or APA and ask if the
 instructor has a specific MLA or APA guide or book he or she would like you to use for
 formatting your paper.
- Some popular APA or MLA style guides can be found in the LRC; just ask a librarian for help.
- There are also some useful guides available online that you instructor may suggest that you use, such as:

MLA Citation Guide (Purdue University, OWL)

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/557/01/

APA Citation Guide (Purdue University, OWL)

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/