

Essay Format for Film Analysis - MLA

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Instructor's Name
Class information (English 1A)
Date

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Center Title of Essay

Begin your paragraph one double-spaced line below
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← 1" your centered title; the paragraph should begin with a
1/2" tabbed indent. The paper's heading goes in the
upper-left corner of the first page only. Use 1" margins
all around. Double space everything, including blocked
quotes. Do not justify the right margin. ← double
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On all consecutive pages, place a header in the upper
right-hand corner; the header should include your last
name followed by the page number. All the text on these
pages should be double spaced, including any blocked
quotes. Paragraphs should be separated by a single
space--do not add extra spaces between paragraphs.

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When you quote an author or use her ideas, be sure
to document your source correctly with a parenthetical
reference.

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Works Cited

1/2" ↓
last name and pg #

double
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text ←

indent 5
spaces
or 1/2" →

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Bartholomae, David. "Inventing the University." The
St. Martin's Guide to Teaching Writing. 3rd ed.
Robert Connors and Cherly Glenn. New York: St.
Martin's. 408-21.

Bennett, Noel. "Halo of the Sun." Connection: A
Multicultural Reader for Writers. Judith A.
Stanford. Mountainview, CA: Mayfield, 1993. 311-
319. ← 1"

Killingsworth, M. Jimmie. "Product and Process,
Literacy and Orality: An Essay on Composition and
Culture." College Composition and Communication.
44 (1993): 26 - 39.

Momaday, N. Scott. The Way to Rainy Mountain. N.p.:
U of New Mexico P, 1969.

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Follow the Core Elements in order:

- 1 Author.
- 2 Title of source.
- 3 Title of container,
- 4 Other contributors,
- 5 Version,
- 6 Number,
- 7 Publisher,
- 8 Publication date,
- 9 Location.

Notice the punctuation mark (, or .) after each.

You can omit the unnecessary elements.

Examples:

Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Directed by John Hughes, performance by Matthew Broderick and

Alan Ruck, Paramount, 1986.

“Ferris Bueller's Day Off.” *IMDb*, IMDb.com, 2017, www.imdb.com/title/tt0091042/?ref_=nv_sr_1.

Hughes, John. “Commentary - The Museum Scene from Ferris Bueller's Day Off.” YouTube, YouTube, 7

Aug. 2009, www.youtube.com/watch?v=p89gBjHB2Gs.

The first example is for a film. It includes 2, 4, 7, and 8. If you were just focusing on an actor or director and did not talk about both in your essay, you would only include the one you discuss.

The second example is from IMDb. It includes 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9. Notice how the title changes because it is now a website article.

The third example is a Youtube video. It includes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9.

Easybib can help, but it will not get all the information correct, so make sure you check and edit their citations.

You will always need to cite the film and IMDb in your essays. Any other sources you use will also need to be cited.

Also make sure you include internal citations if needed. In your essay you can use lead-ins to refer to your work cited. For example: According to IMDb John Hughes...