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Criteria

☐ MLA format
  ☐ 12-point font, Times New Roman
  ☐ Double-spaced
  ☐ One-inch margins
  ☐ 4 pages in length (3 pages of writing; last page will be Works Cited).
  ☐ MLA heading
  ☐ Student name, teacher name, class, due date
  ☐ MLA header (last name and page number in upper right-hand corner of each page)

☐ Title

☐ Introduction-1
  ☐ Hook is the attention-getter.
  ☐ Bridge builds to the thesis (specific stance on issue).
  ☐ Thesis statement as last sentence

☐ Body paragraphs-3+
  ☐ Begins with a topic sentence
  ☐ Develop assertions (your own ideas and thoughts)
  ☐ Must have at least one quote
  ☐ Connect the topic back to the thesis/consider how it supports your thesis
  ☐ Transition to next topic

☐ Conclusion-1
  ☐ Restates thesis in different words and emphasizes the importance of the topic
  ☐ Sum up your main idea and your strongest arguments
  ☐ Make a connection to the “real” world--leave us thinking!

☐ Works Cited Page-1
  ☐ Last page of research paper
  ☐ Lists all sources directly quoted and/or paraphrased
  ☐ Includes minimum three sources from the library databases
  ☐ MLA format