

# MLA Essay Format

The diagram shows an MLA-style essay page with the following elements and annotations:

- Header:** "Larson 1" is positioned in the upper right corner, with a vertical double-headed arrow indicating a 1/2" distance from the top margin.
- Writer's Information:** "Dan Larson", "Professor Duncan", "English 102", and "19 April XXXX" are listed on the left side, with a vertical double-headed arrow indicating a 1" distance from the top margin.
- Title:** "The Transformation of Mrs. Peters: An Analysis of 'A Jury of Her Peers'" is centered, with a horizontal double-headed arrow indicating a 1/2" distance from the left margin.
- Text:** The main text begins with "In Susan Glaspell's 1917 short story 'A Jury of Her Peers,'" and continues with a detailed summary of the story's events. A horizontal double-headed arrow indicates a 1" distance from the left margin.
- Quotations:** A long quotation is indented from the left margin, with a vertical double-headed arrow indicating a 1" distance from the bottom margin. The text of the quotation is: "The sheriff's wife had looked from the stove to the sink—to the pail of water which had been carried in from outside. . . . That look of seeing into things, of seeing through a thing to something else, was in the eyes of the sheriff's wife now. (251-52)".
- Annotations:** Vertical lines on the right side of the page connect the text to explanatory notes: "Writer's last name and page number in upper right corner of each page.", "Writer's name, instructor's name, course title, date flush left on first page; title centered.", "Double-spacing throughout.", "Quotations from source cited with page numbers in parentheses.", and "A long quotation is set off by indenting; no quotation marks are needed; ellipsis dots indicate a sentence omitted from the source."

Marginal annotations indicate **MLA-style formatting**.

Source: Hacker/Sommers (Bedford/St. Martin's, 2016, 2014).

This sample follows the style guidelines in the *MLA Handbook*, 8th ed. (2016).