

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 2013" 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 vertical double-headed arrow indicating a 1/2" distance from the top margin.
- Text:** The main text begins with "In Susan Glaspell's 1917 short story 'A Jury of Her Peers,'" followed by a paragraph. A horizontal double-headed arrow indicates a 1/2" distance from the left margin to the start of the text.
- Quotations:** The text includes several quotations from the source, with page numbers in parentheses. A horizontal double-headed arrow indicates a 1" distance from the left margin to the start of the first quotation.
- Long Quotation:** A long quotation is indented. A vertical double-headed arrow indicates a 1" distance from the bottom margin to the start of the long quotation.

Annotations on the right side of the page provide additional context:

- "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."
- "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).