

# MLA Format Guide

## FORMAT

Paper should be double spaced, and written in Times New Roman with 12-Point Font.

## MARGINS

Use 1-inch margins on each side of page.

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## Understanding Kenya's Poverty

In the midst of the booming capitol of Nairobi lies the biggest, hidden cover-up of the world: Kibera Slum. Kibera . Slum is home to roughly one to three million peoples of all nationalities and tribes.

There are approximately 2.5 million slum dwellers in about 200 "settlements" in the Nairobi area, representing 60% of the Nairobi population, but occupying only 6% of the land. Kibera is a field and valley (not quite as large as Central Park) jammed with tin huts, 8 people per hut, with urine and feces running in ruts of the rambling walking paths. (16)

Kibera, being densely populated, houses the trifecta of diseases, murders, rapes, and deaths among men, women and children in East Africa (Lange 13).

## IN-TEXT CITATIONS

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Arrange citations with the first word of the record.

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Kibera Centre for Legal Aide and Human Rights. "Facts." The Kibera Centre. *Kibera*. 13 September 2012.

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