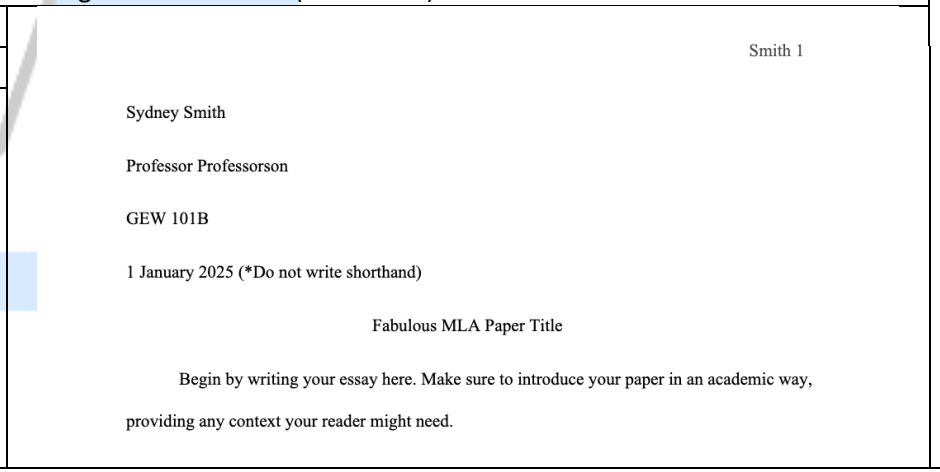
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Purpose:	MLA in-text Citation:
No Author	Give the entire title in the sentence or an abbreviated title in parentheses. According to "How Writers Read: A Reflection" people who love writing read with a pen in their hand (45). People who love writing read with a pen in hand ("How Writers Read" 45).
Quoting	According to Ramos, "consulting a librarian has greatly benefited students writing research papers" (103). One author states that "consulting a librarian has greatly benefited students writing research papers" (Ramos 103).
For block quotes (over 4 lines):	Indent 1-inch, remove quotation marks, and insert punctuation before beginning on a new line. Indent 1-inch, remove quotation marks, and insert period before the citation as shown. Sherman Alexie depicts his earliest childhood memories with reading and writing: The words themselves were mostly foreign, but I still remember the exact moment when I first understood, with a sudden clarity, the purpose of a paragraph. I didn't have the vocabulary to say 'paragraph', but I realized that a paragraph was a fence that held words. (464)
Paraphrasing	With author's name in text: Alexie said that he learned to read through comic books (464). Without author's name: The importance of comic books in reading was established (Alexie 464).
2 authors	The Writing Center is a great resource (Lyche and Perez).
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