

Monograph

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Objectives



Identify the characteristics of the parts of a monograph

Recognize the stages of writing a monographic work

Properly write a monograph

What is a Monograph?



 According to WordReference, it is "a highly detailed and thoroughly documented study or paper written about a limited area of a subject or field of inquiry."

 It can also be defined as a formal research work in which you must develop a theme, sustain a point of view and come to a conclusion

Characteristics of a monograph



A monograph:

- Is done with clarity and mastery of the subject
- Is based on research and relevant literature review
- Has an academic style (APA, MLA, etc.)
- Provides original knowledge
- Contains from 8 to 40 pages

Parts of a monograph

- Front page
- Table of contents (optional)
- Introduction
- Body/Development
- Conclusion
- Bibliography
- Appendix (optional)



Writing stages in a monograph



- Prewriting
- Writing
- Content editing
- Editing the document format

During the process of writing a monograph, it is common to revisit one of the four stages previously mentioned. Each stage also consists of several sub-stages. Later, we will explore each step (and substep) of the process of writing a monograph.

Prewriting

- Select a topic
- Expose or argue
- Research
- Create an outline



Prewriting: Select a topic



- To write a monograph, you must:
 - Select a general topic
 - A professor may assign a compulsory topic for the monograph.
 - In the event that the professor does not assign a topic, it is up to the writer to choose a research topic of interest and provide valid findings within the academic discipline.
 - Expose or argue
 - Once you have an initial topic, you should research the academic literature on that topic.
 - Narrow the general topic to a specific topic
 - After reading enough literature, if the initially chosen topic is too general, narrow the topic down to a more specific one.

Prewriting: Expository or Argumentative



• The topic of a monograph can be written in an expository or argumentative way.
The writer has the freedom to choose how to present the topic and depending on the content collected in the literature review, certain topics may lend themselves to being written in an expository or argumentative way.

Expository

- Present information clearly and accurately on a particular topic
- Example: The history of teaching English in Puerto Rico

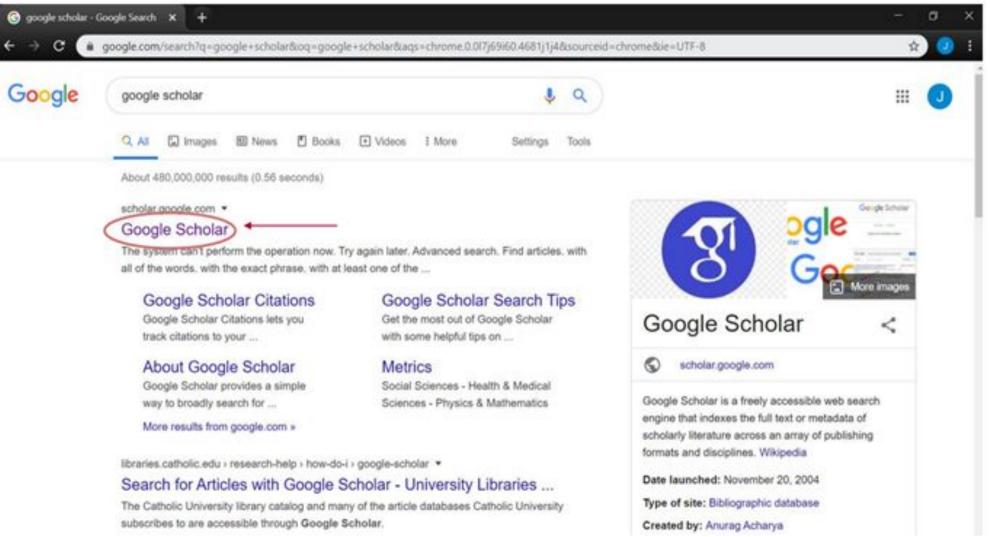
Argumentative

- Support or criticize a position within a particular topic
- Example: English as a foreign language: the ideal method for Puerto Rico

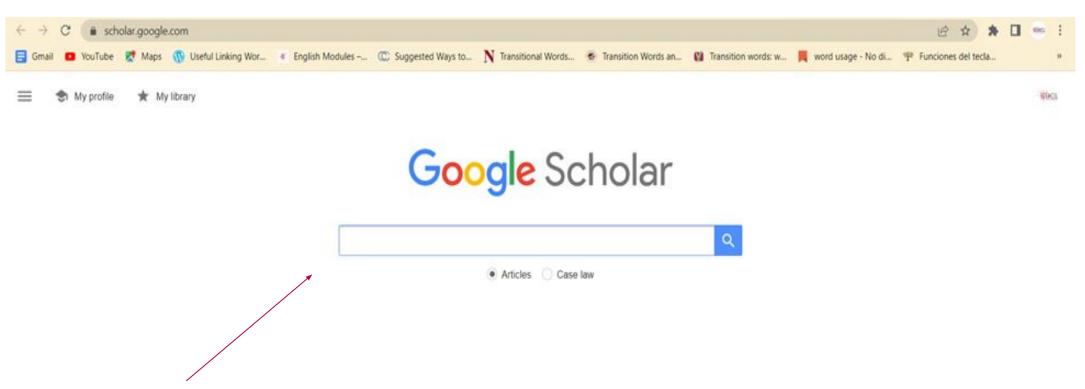
Prewriting: Research

- Research is the basis of monographic work. Reading and critically analyzing the sources of information is important.
- You can find academic readings at:
 - UPR Library
 - Biblioteca Lázaro, Escuela de Derecho, Facultad de Educación, etc.
 - UPR database
 - https://www.upr.edu/biblioteca-rrp/
 - Academic or scientific journals
 - Assigned readings
 - Google Scholar



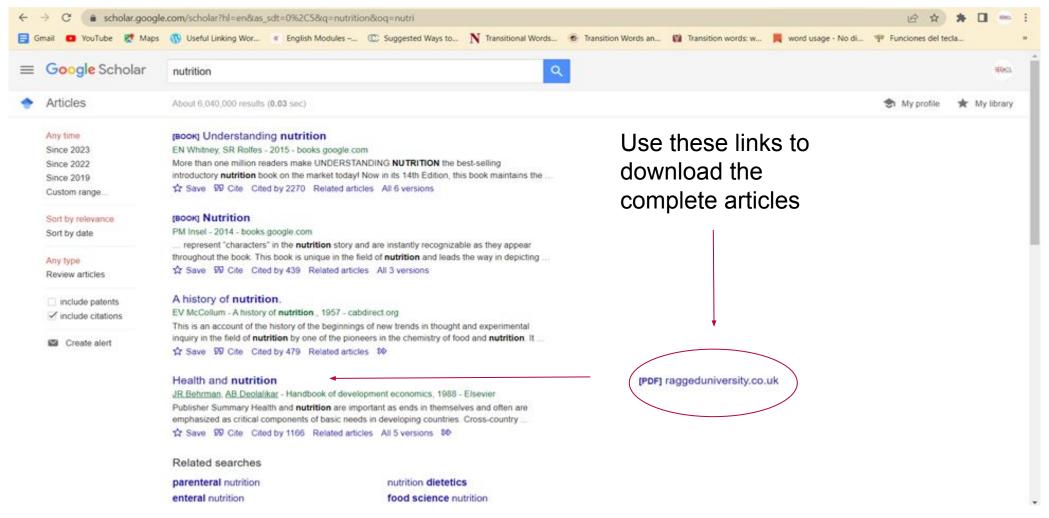




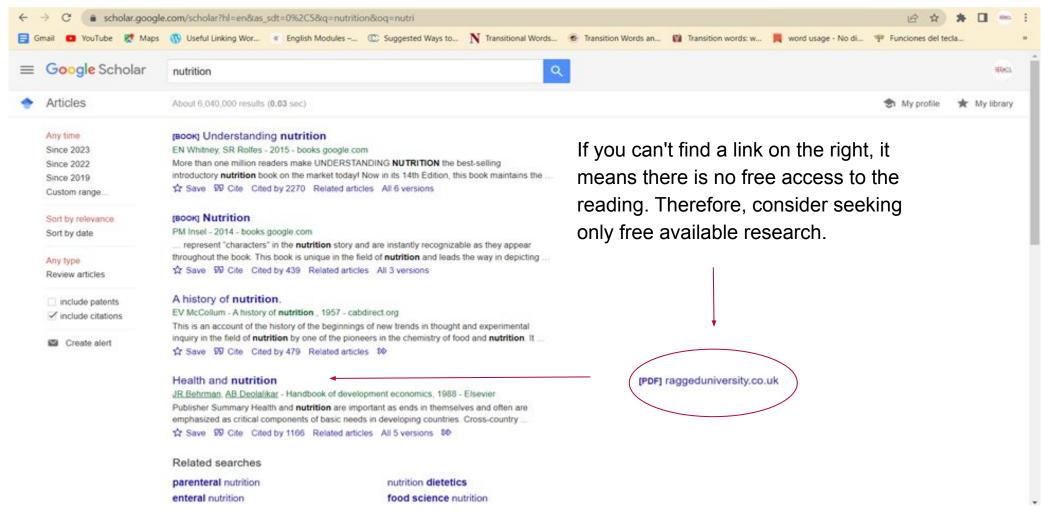


Important: Try to do your search using keywords instead of writing too many words in the 'search bar'









Prewriting: Outline



• An outline is a guide that helps the writer determine what are the essential points that should be discussed in an essay and where they must be placed. Therefore, a good outline should guide the writer in all parts of the introduction, paragraphs of development and conclusion. On the next slide, you will find an example of an outline. Later you will find a slide dedicated to the parts of the introduction, the paragraphs of development and conclusion.

Prewriting: Outline



- Introduction
 - Hook sentence
 - Necessary information for the reader
 - Thesis statement
- Body
 - Each paragraph must have:
 - 1 Topic sentence/Argument
 - Information that supports the topic sentence

Conclusion:

- Summary of important information
- Reiteration of the thesis
- Closing sentence

Writing: Introduction



Hook sentence

- Encourages the reader to read the monograph
- Provides necessary information for the reader
- Presents a striking fact about the topic to be discussed

Thesis statement

 Presents the main idea/motivation of the monograph

Necessary information for the reader:

- Relevant authors
- Title of discussed work(s)
- Academic perspectives
- Definitions of necessary vocabulary

Writing: Body Paragraphs



- Paragraph(s)
 - Topic sentence/Argument
 - Supports the main idea presented in the introduction
 - It is the only topic that will be developed in the paragraph where it is found. (Each topic that helps you demonstrate your main idea should be developed in its own paragraph. This is done to maintain organization and clarity.)
- Thesis statement
 - Quotes
 - Quotes can be direct or paraphrased. The difference between the two citing styles will be explained later.
 - Each quote must be followed by an interpretation. You should not quote without purpose. It is cited to demonstrate and support the point presented in the topic sentence.

Writing: Conclusion



A conclusion must have the following elements:

- Summary of important information
 - Essential information that the reader should preserve from the monograph. Be careful, you should not repeat all the points discussed in the paragraphs of development.
- Reiteration of the thesis
 - We reiterate the thesis in order to demonstrate that the main reason for the monograph was fulfilled. Establishing a relationship between the thesis and the summary is important when reiterating the thesis. The purpose of the monograph is demonstrated through the points you developed in the writing.
- Closing sentence
 Depending on the topic you are discussing in the monograph, you can:
 Discuss what others could do in future investigations
 Provide constructive criticism of the analysis

 - Offer a personal opinion

Content edition



Once you have finished writing your first draft, you should:

- Check the good use of grammar
 - Find and correct typos, change casual registers for their formal equivalents and ensure the correct use of punctuation.
- Rearrange content if necessary
 - Check if the content of the draft matches the outline previously prepared.
- Avoid committing plagiarism
 - If an idea is not yours, you must indicate whose it is.
- Use the dictionary
 - This allows you to search for clear and precise vocabulary.
 - Helps avoid the overuse of words.





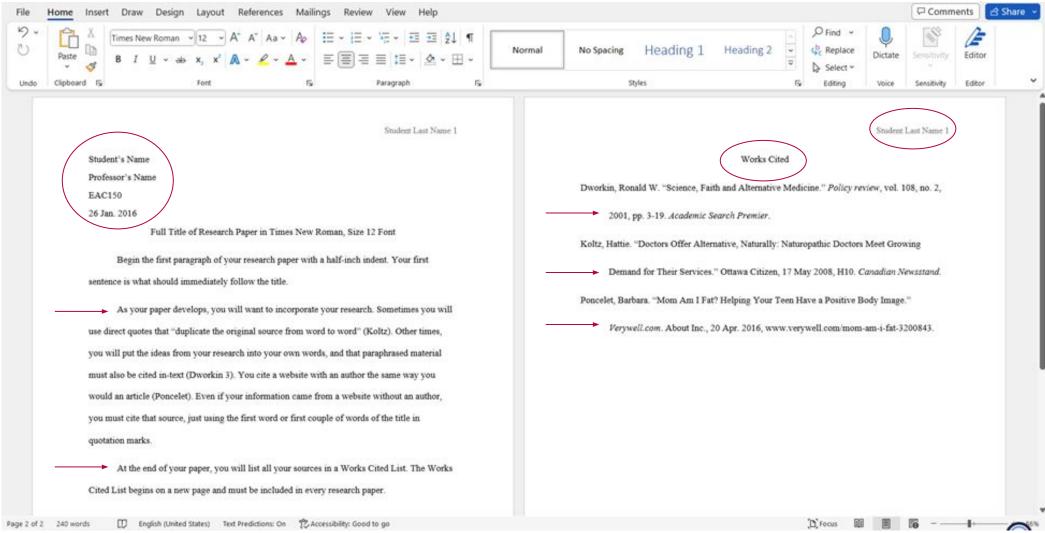
- Example of a direct quote:
 - Alvarez indicated, "When one incorporates a serving of vegetables, in any given dish, we indirectly reduce the size of the other portions that could contain cholesterol, sugars, among other harmful components to cardiovascular health" (15).
- Example of a paraphrased quote:
 - In addition, eating vegetables that contain potassium also promotes a healthy cardiovascular system, since potassium regulates blood pressure (Rossini 28).



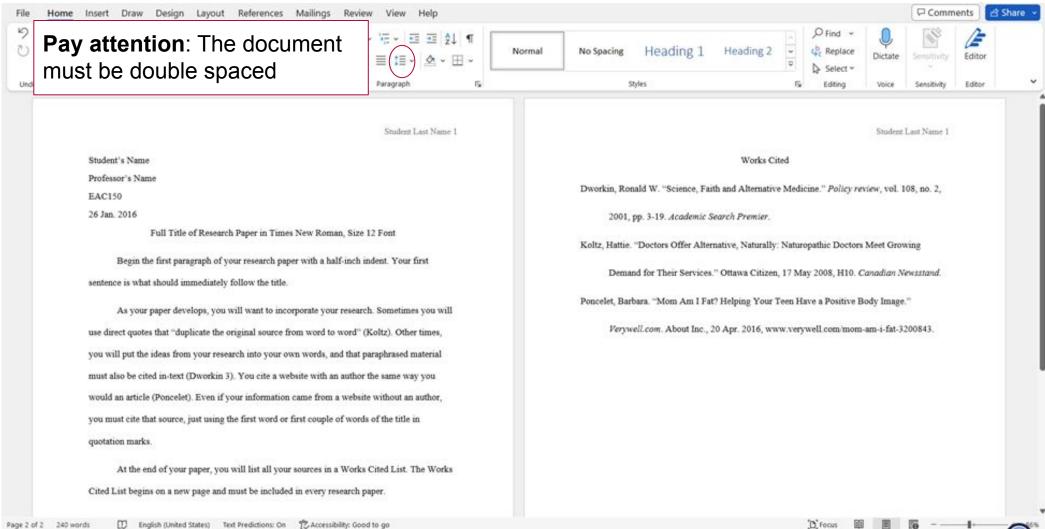
Format editing:

 On the next slides, you will find an example of a written work that follows the MLA format. Some key components of that format will be illustrated. Nevertheless, if you wish to access a more comprehensive presentation on how to write in MLA format, we recommend you to access the presentation of the eighth edition of MLA available on the webpage of the Biblioteca Ángel Quintero Alfaro.

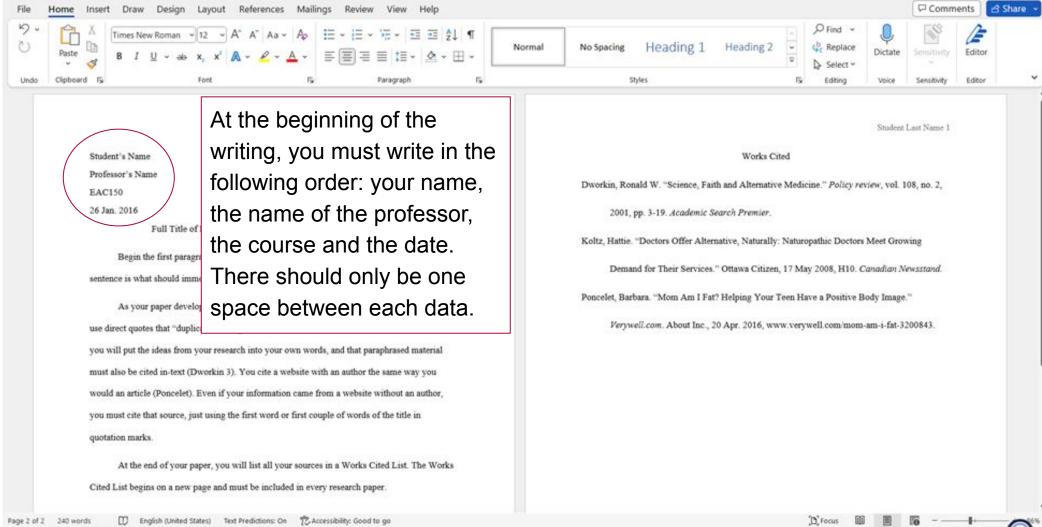




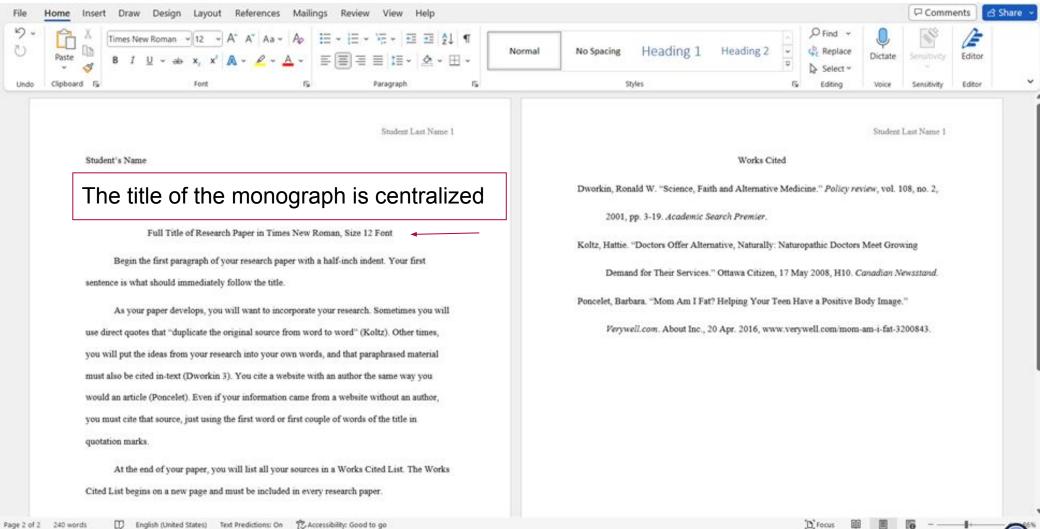




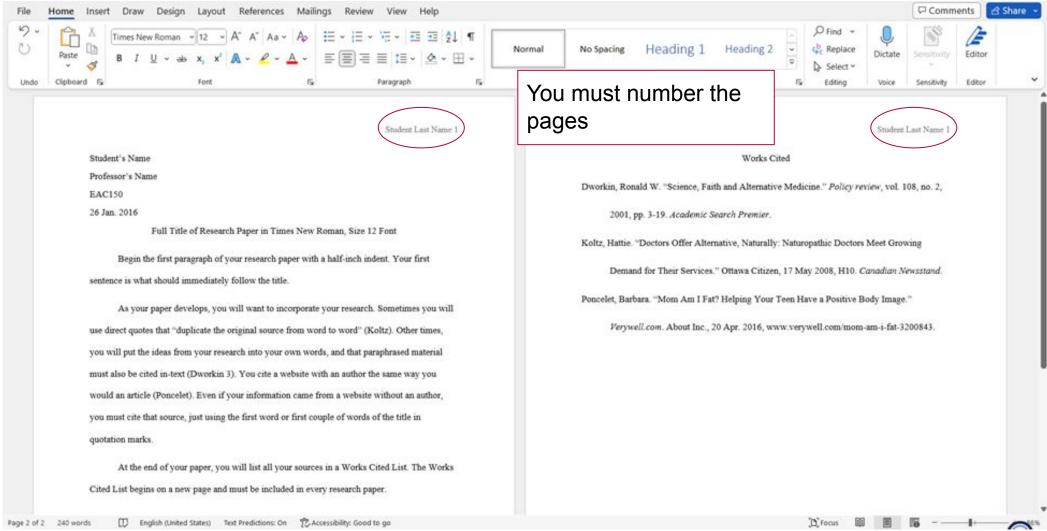




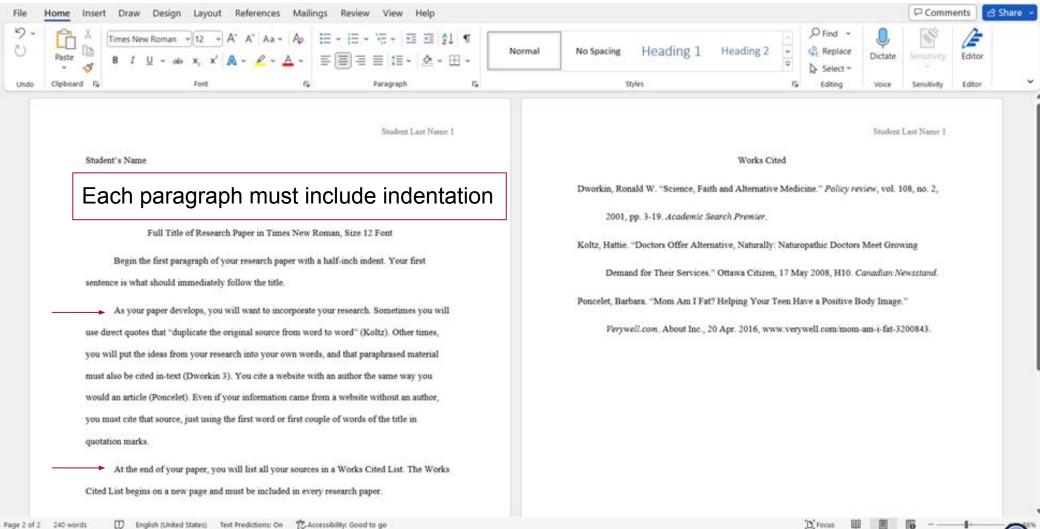




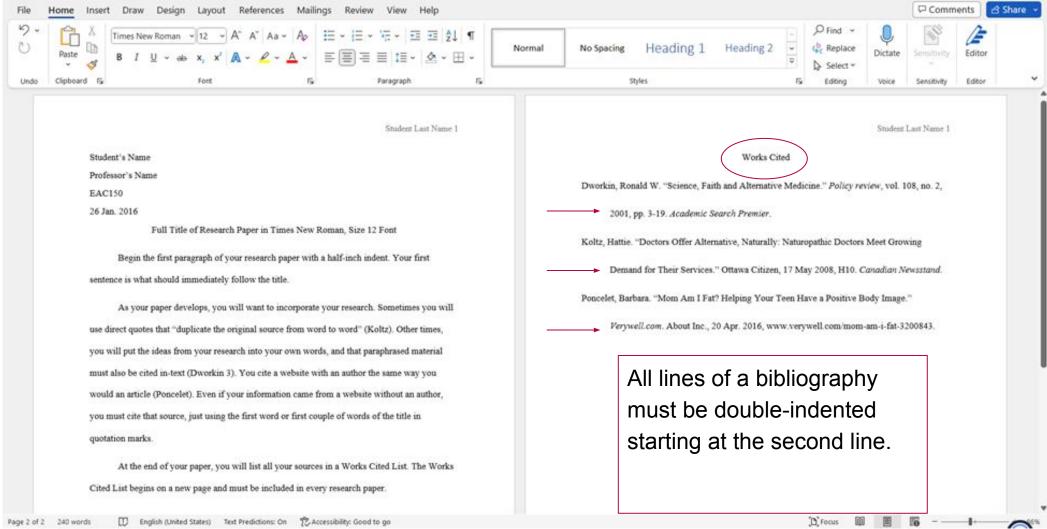












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