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Totally Awesome Title

This is what your essay should look like. It should be double-spaced and in Times New Roman font. You should have all the necessary information in the upper left hand corner, including my name, the course, the assignment, and the date. You must also have a title, front and center, above the start of the essay. A cover page is not necessary, and in fact, I don't want it. Save the trees!

Every time you start a new paragraph, there should be an indent. Remember what Alexie said? Paragraphs are like fences holding in ideas. If the idea changes, you should start a new paragraph. My hypothetical paragraphs here are shorter than your paragraphs will likely be, but you get the idea. If a single paragraph is longer than a page, however, it's a pretty good sign that the paragraph is too long. More often than not, it can be cut into two paragraphs, though this could also be a red flag that you have some unnecessary information and need to scale back.

Lastly, don't forget your page numbers. These will be in the bottom right hand corner of your page and should include your last name in front of the number. This is more or less the format that you will see on all essays throughout your college career. Some professors might change little details. For instance, they may want all the information in the upper right hand corner instead of the left, but these guidelines will likely remain very much the same for every class. It's a good idea to get into this habit now.