

How to format your paper:

Typed/printed, double-spaced, 1" margins. Paragraphs indented 5 spaces at left; do not separate paragraphs by extra blank lines. Quotations of 10 words or less should be integrated into the text; longer quotations should be indented 5 spaces at left and right margins, single spaced, and set off from the text of the essay by a blank line before and after the quotation. (Please see examples below).

How to title your paper:

Your essay should have a fairly specific title – one which will suggest what you've concluded about the differences between Montaigne and Lery, for instance -- e.g., "Saintly Savages and Subhuman Cannibals" or "Truth-telling versus Total Fabrication". (Note: unlike these two, your titles will probably be more subtle and represent viable arguments). "Jean de Léry's Voyage to Brazil" would not be a good title. It's worth taking a little thought over the title, not only because it creates the first impression of your essay (that, too); coming up with a phrase which encapsulates your argument can help in focusing that argument.

How to quote:

Short Quotation (2 kinds)

1/ When Montaigne claims that his servant "had lived ten or twelve years in that other world" (115), he is referring to

[NOTE: when the quotation is integrated into your own sentence, as here -- your words "his servant" are the subject of Montaigne's verb "had lived" -- make sure the grammar works. To check whether it does, remove the quotation marks and see if the sentence looks right.]

2/ Montaigne writes: "skill is a dead and physical possession" (115).

Long Quotation

Here I am, writing along in my essay, along and along and along. Here comes a quotation, beginning now.

They get up with the sun, and immediately after rising they eat for the whole day, for they have no other meal (111).

Okay, quotation's over. Back to the essay now, with double-spacing and regular margins again. One other thing: anytime

you include a long chunk of text, be sure to talk about its details and what, specifically, we should understand from reading

it. If there is not enough to say, the quotation should probably be shorter.