**MLA Format**

**Checklist**

* **Introduction Paragraph**

Did you include an Attention Getter?

Did you give Background Information on the Civil War? Enough for the reader to understand the issue?

Does your Thesis Statement state the specific person and whether they are a hero or villain?

* **Body Paragraphs –** *These go for EVERY Body Paragraph*

Do you have a Topic Sentence that clearly states one reason that supports your position on the issue?

Do you have at least 2 Direct Quotes/Citations from your sources?

Did you cite every time with the last name of the author (*or the article name if there is no author name*) in

Parenthesis right after the quotes/evidence?

Did you explain how each quote/evidence relates to how your issue/position?

* **Counterargument Paragraphs –** *These go for EVERY Counterargument Paragraph*

Do you have a Topic Sentence that clearly states the opposite view of your issue?

Do you have at least 2 Direct Quotes/Citations from sources?

Did you cite every time with the last name of the author (*or the article name if there is no author name*) in

Parenthesis right after the quotes/evidence?

Did you refute (prove them wrong) each quote/evidence that opposes your issue/position?

* **Conclusion Paragraph**

Did you re-state the thesis in a different way?

Did you re-state all your reasons to support whether your topic was a challenge or a success?

* **Format**

Do you have Name, Date, etc. in the upper left hand corner?

 Is your last name and the page number in as a header in the upper right hand corner?

 Is your ENTIRE paper Double-Spaced?

 Is your ENTIRE paper 12pt font?

 Is your ENTIRE paper in TIMES NEW ROMAN, Arial, or Calibri?

 Are your Works Cited Source Citations in the correct format?

 Are your Works Cited Source Citations in Alphabetical Order?

 Does each Source Citation have a Hanging Indent for all lines after the first line?