

MLA Format and Pronoun Usage

Yes ☺	No ☹
he, him, his	I, me, my
she, her, hers	you, we, us
they, them, theirs	your, mine
3 rd person pronouns are acceptable in MLA format	1 st and 2 nd person pronouns are a No, No.
Exception: A personal pronoun used in a direct quotation from the text, is permissible.	
In lieu of using 1 st and 2 nd person pronouns, try: the reader the audience society	

MLA Format and Contraction Usage

Yes ☺	No ☹
cannot	can't
did not	didn't
he is	he's
Using these words contributes to a formal tone and shows the reader that you are thorough and diligent about presenting the information in the proper way	Using shorten words contributes to an <i>informal</i> tone in writing and shows the reader that you may be acting out of laziness or using slang
Clarification: Using an apostrophe to show possession is permissible	