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This document style is intended for reading onscreen. It creates a two-page spread that fits on a single screen (of 1024 x 768 pixels), with type that remains readable at 75% magnification. It includes design and typographic settings to accommodate common text elements: headings, subtitles, extracts, etc. The font is **Lucida Sans Unicode**, set single-spaced. It is a *sans serif* font, which allows for greater readability at smaller sizes and onscreen. The basic text size is 11 point. The font is engineered with a tall line-height, so that even set “solid” (*i.e.*, single-spaced) there is ample “leading” between the lines for clear reading. The overall design is “left aligned”—that is all titles, subtitles, headings, etc. are lined up on the left margin. Paragraphs are justified, for easier reading; titles, headings, references, captions, and endnotes are not justified.

The two files attached to this documents are:

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What follows are sample pages and specifications for the type, margins, settings, etc.

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