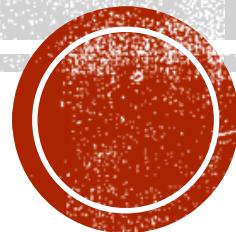


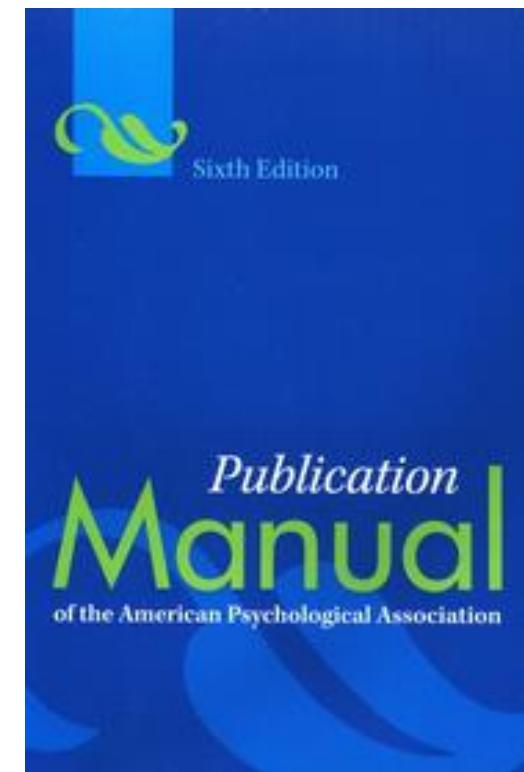
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WHAT IS APA STYLE

- The American Psychological Association (APA) citation style
- APA regulates:
 - Stylistics
 - Citations
 - References



YOUR ESSAY SHOULD

- Be typed
- 12pt font (no unusual font style)use standard font (Times New Roman)
- 5 paragraph: Introduction, body (3 paragraphs minimum, and concluding paragraph that covers the topic well)
- Double spaced 3-4 pages (single spaced 1 1/2 – 2) Main body of your paper
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- Gives credit to all sources
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REFERENCE PAGE

- Include at least 3 resources
- Only one website (.org .edu .gov) source may be used
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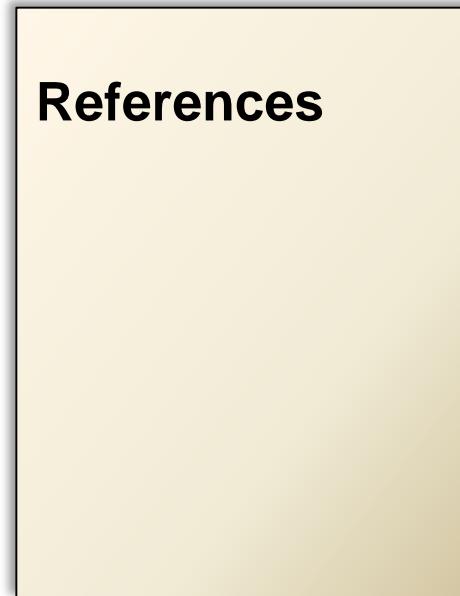
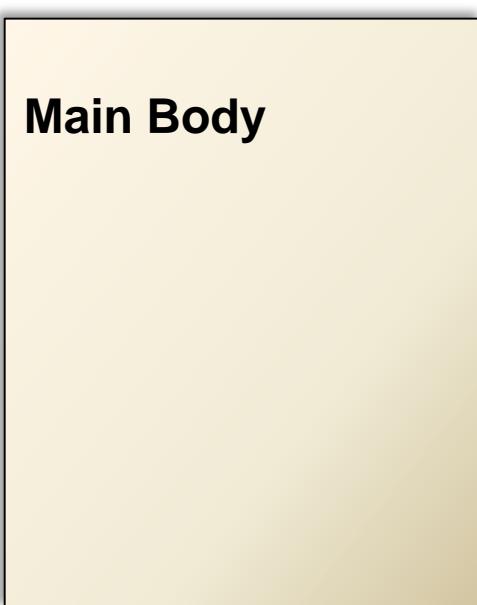
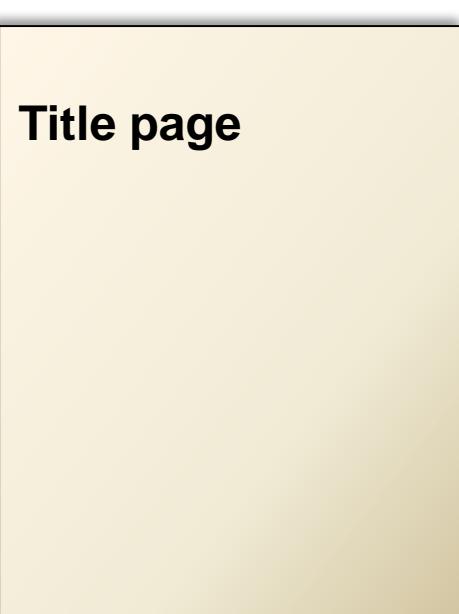


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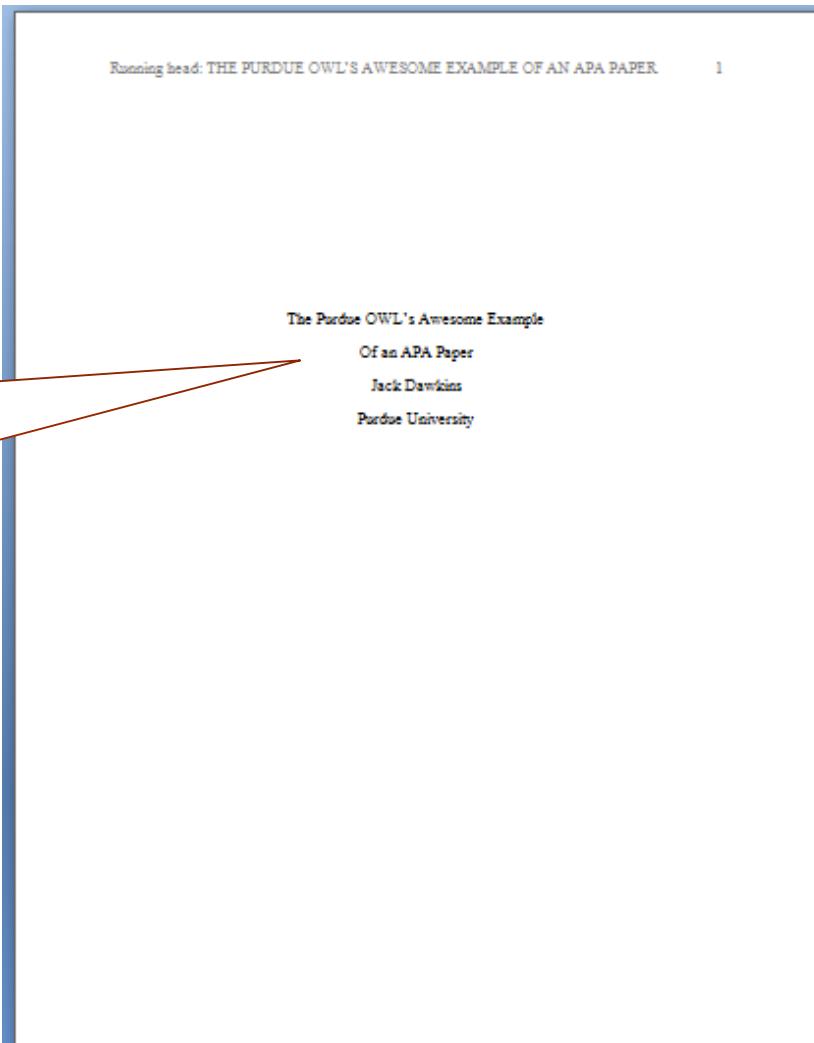


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MAKING THE REFERENCE LIST

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1. Identify the type of source:
Is it a book? A journal article? A webpage?
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3. “Mirror” the sample or look at your sample APA guide
4. Make sure that the entries are listed in alphabetical order and that the subsequent lines are indented



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MAKE SURE TO PROOFREAD YOUR PAPER AND CHECK YOUR REFERENCE PAGE

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