A Brief Road Map to APA

What is APA?

APA stands for American Psychological Association.

APA style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences.

How should it look?

Your essay should be typed, double-spaced on standard-sized paper (8.5" x 11") with 1" margins on all sides. You should use a clear font that is highly readable. APA recommends using 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

Reference List

Your reference list should appear at the end of your paper. It provides the information necessary for a reader to locate and retrieve any source you cite in the body of the paper. Each source you cite in the paper must appear in your reference list; likewise, each entry in the reference list must be cited in your text.

Your references should begin on a new page separate from the text of the essay; label this page "References" centered at the top of the page (do NOT bold, underline, or use quotation marks for the title). All text should be double-spaced just like the rest of your essay.

What version of APA should I use?

Be sure to use the most recent version. Check the link below for more information about the APA Style.

Who to ask for help?

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