

APA Handout

What is APA: The American Psychological Association and it is a type of citation style. *APA Style* originated in 1929, when a group of psychologists, anthropologists, and business managers convened and sought to establish a simple set of procedures, or *style rules* that would codify the many components of scientific writing to increase the ease of reading comprehension.

As with other editorial styles, APA Style consists of rules or guidelines that a publisher observes to ensure clear and consistent presentation of written material. It concerns uniform use of such elements as

- selection of headings, tone, and length;
- punctuation and abbreviations;
- presentation of numbers and statistics;
- construction of tables and figures,
- citation of references; and
- many other elements that are a part of a manuscript.

Know that this is your manual, for you to write in, make notes on, and generally destroy to your research needs.

Recommend that you take 6 paperclips and place them in your book in these locations. (All place marks are in spiral bound APA 6th edition, adjust accordingly to your copy.

1. Ethical Compliance Checklist (Page 20): Keep safe, be ethical, have a good research study. Follow this checklist.
2. Sample Pages (Page 41): Format sample pages. Very handy
3. The Mechanics of Style (Page 87): This is all housed in Chapter 4
4. Displaying Results (Page 129): Shows pages of samples of how to present your findings in APA style.
5. Crediting Sources (Page 169): How and where to credit your literature: All housed in Chapter 6
6. Reference Examples (Page 193): How to reference every type of source.

**** You may have others that you want to mark or label as you work through your manual. You will get a great deal of practice out of writing papers. This book should be by your computer so that you always have samples of what you need. Mark it, fold pages; it is yours for your research. Use it.**

Some Resources for Later Use:

1. **APA Manual**
2. <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/>
3. <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/>
4. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

References

APA. (2009). *What is APA style?* Retrieved from <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/faqs/what-is-apa-style.aspx>