

Research Paper

Compose an APA style research paper that answers the following thesis

DOES TECHNOLOGY ENHANCE INDIVIDUAL THOUGHT?

Follow the guidelines listed below. In addition, a sample APA research paper will be posted on the classroom website.

APA Research Paper Guidelines

Thesis

The thesis for your paper must be pre-approved. (See Signature Approval Page) The argument must be associated with a field of study of your academic interest. In order to seek approval, you must submit your thesis statement and a brief essay explaining your reasons for the argument. The paper must be typed, double-spaced using a Times New Roman 12 point font. You must utilize the format for the Signature Approval Page.

Cover Sheet (Title Page)

The cover sheet must include a running head. You need to align left and type the words “Running head” followed by a colon and a brief 50 characters or less title of the paper in all caps. The page number for the cover sheet is “1” and should be right justified. The words “Running head:” appears only on the cover sheet. (For example: Running head: CAN MEDICATION CURE OBESITY IN CHILDREN? 1) On the cover sheet, center the title, subtitle, your name, and school name on respective lines.

Abstract

The abstract should be 350 words or less, briefly summarizing the main points of the study, i.e. its topic, purpose, thesis, and findings. An abstract is integral to the thesis, acting as an executive summary. One inch from the top of the page, center the word Abstract. The abstract should be double-spaced. Do not indent the paragraph.

Paper

The paper must introduce the argument clearly and concisely. The findings must support the thesis and logical explanation of the findings’ application must follow. The paper must use formal English and Latin abbreviations. All citations should follow APA in-text documentation.

The paper must follow the most recent recommendations by the American Psychological Association (APA). Please refer to the link on the classroom website, “Research and Documentation” for additional help.

The header for the paper must include the shortened title in caps followed by five spaces and Arabic numerals, beginning with 1, continuing for the remainder of the paper.

Double-space the text of the paper and indent each paragraph ½ inch (or five spaces). Use one-inch margins on all sides of the paper and left align the text.

Content

The paper must be in two sections: “A Review of the Literature” and “Findings”.

“A Review of the Literature” should explore four questions and give evidence from academic journals.

“Findings” should explain your own research. You will need to do a survey. Please add the following subtitles: **Methods and Materials** **Data Collected** **Conclusion**

The reference page will be at the end of the entire work.

Print and Fonts

Print fonts should be easily readable, such as Courier, Times Roman, Arial, etc. Avoid fonts that are extreme or are script in nature. Font size should be 12 point throughout the work. (Preferred font: Times New Roman)

References

References must come from a variety of sources. Required references are: minimum of four academic journals, (See the following resource database offered by the Public Library of Steubenville <http://www.steubenville.lib.oh.us/EResources/index.asp>) and collected surveys. Other valid references are permitted for thesis support. Dates are vital for effective references. All references must adhere to the most recent documentation requirements as stated by the American Psychological Association. Remember, references on the “References” page are double-spaced and follow reverse indentation (hanging indent). Italicize rather than underline where necessary. Annotations of references at acceptable.

Visuals

Visuals are classified as table and figures (figures include photographs, charts, drawings, and graphs). Each table should be labeled with an Arabic numeral (Table 1, Table 2, and so forth) and given a clear title. Give source below in a note. Label and title should appear on respective lines above the table, aligned left and single-spaced. Use a superscript lower case letter in the table and in a footnote if any data requires an explanatory footnote. For each figure, include a label and caption below the figure, aligned left and single-spaced. One table is required; figures and additional tables are optional.

In text of paper, discuss significant features of each visual. Include the visual as close as possible to the text that relates to the visual. All visuals, for this assignment, should be inserted within the text.

Pagination

Page numbering must follow APA guidelines. Blank pages are not numbered. Each page should have the running head title, which was declared on the cover page in all caps, left justified followed by the page number, right justified, in Arabic numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.).

Order of Pages

The order of progression of the work should be:

1. Cover Sheet (Title page)
2. Abstract
4. Content
5. References