**Formatting Your Paper in APA 7th Edition Style**

*Student papers will typically contain the following organizational elements:*

**Title:** Name your paper. The title can “hook” your readers.

**Introduction Paragraph:** Tell the readers what you are about to tell them. The thesis statement is

often the last sentence of the first paragraph.

**Thesis Statement:** Essentially, a thesis statement answers the question, "What do I want my readers to

know after they have read my essay?"

**Body:** Discuss topic. The number of paragraphs will depend on the length and complexity of your

paper.

**Concluding Paragraph:** A short summary. Do not introduce any new information.

Here is a sample student academic paper that includes comments on all aspects of formatting your paper in APA 7th edition style – [APA 7th edition Sample Student Paper](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/documents/20200128APA7StudPaper.pdf)

*\*\*please note: Abstracts should only be used for papers exceeding 10 pages in length.*