



**Custom-Writing.org Essay Writing Contest:
APA Formatting Requirements**

Title page:

1. Running head should be flush left and should look like this: Running head: TITLE OF YOUR ESSAY (no more than 50 characters in length). Page number 1 should be in the upper right-hand corner.
2. Title information should be centered in the upper half of the page, and the font should be 12-pt. Times New Roman (no bolding, italics, underlining, or abnormal font size). Title information should include the full title of the essay and the author's name. All text should be double-spaced.

General:

3. Header on all pages except for the title page should be flush left and should look like this: TITLE OF YOUR ESSAY. Page numbers should be flush right in the upper right-hand corner.
4. On the first page, the title of the paper should be centered and not bolded, italicized, or underlined.
5. The essay should start on the second page and use double spacing and 12-pt. Times New Roman font.
6. Margins should be 1 inch on all sides.
7. Direct quotations should include the author (or title if there is no author), the date, and the specific part of the source (page number, paragraph number, or section title).
8. The list of works cited should be on a separate page titled "References" (centered without quotation marks and not bolded, italicized, or underlined).
9. All entries on the References page should be listed in alphabetical order by the author's last name.
10. Each bibliography entry on the References page should be ordered according to [APA formatting style requirements](#).