

APA Style Basics

The Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) site is indispensable:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/664/01/>

In case of ambiguity: be consistent in your formatting and style!

General Paper Organization: Title page → Abstract → Document Body → References

The diagram illustrates the organization of an APA paper across four pages, with callouts for specific formatting rules:

- Page 1 (Title Page):** Contains the title "LOOKING FOR LOVE" and page number [1]. Callouts include: "Abridged title and page numbers in headers", "Center this information:", "10-12 pt. standard (serif) font (Times New Roman)", and "Looking for Love: American Mating Behavior in the 1970s" followed by author and date information.
- Page 2 (Abstract):** Contains the title "LOOKING FOR LOVE" and page number [2]. Callouts include: "Abstract" followed by a paragraph of text, "Keep abstracts under ~120 words", "Two spaces after sentences", and "Avoid footnotes/endnotes throughout entire paper".
- Page 3 (Document Body):** Contains the title "LOOKING FOR LOVE" and page number 3. Callouts include: "Center title" followed by the title and a paragraph of text, "Signal phrase to begin a reference" followed by a paragraph of text, "Brief in-text citation", and "Indent paragraphs; double indent long quotations".
- Page 4 (References):** Contains the title "LOOKING FOR LOVE" and page number 4. Callouts include: "Alphabetized by leading last name" followed by a list of references, "Only list sources cited in-text", "Indent each entry after first line text", and "Double-space all parts of paper".