(Re) Introduction to APA
What is APA?

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- most commonly used format for referencing in the Social Sciences
Why APA?

“The IB expects Diploma Programme candidates to exercise academic honesty in all of their work, which includes acknowledging any sources used within an assignment.”

(IBO, 2012)
“As a Diploma Programme candidate you are responsible for ensuring that all of the work you submit is authentic and that any sources used are appropriately acknowledged. If you have any doubts please ask for advice.”

(IBO, 2012)
We are principled.
We act with integrity.
We are honest academics.

Carson Graham Policy for Academic Honesty and Student Integrity  (Student Planner page 12-13)

“Do it right, remember to cite!”
(IBO, 2012)
Language in an APA paper is:

- **clear**: be specific in descriptions and explanations
- **concise**: condense information when you can
- **plain**: use simple descriptions and minimize figurative language
3rd person point of view

For example... ‘This paper will demonstrate’
NOT
‘I will demonstrate’

When writing your Math IA, using “I” is permitted

active voice rather than passive voice

For example... ‘Scientists conducted experiments’
NOT
‘Experiments were conducted by scientists’
Format

- typed, double-spaced
- on standard-sized paper (8.5”x11”)
- in 12 pt. Times New Roman or a similar font
- include a running header (title) in the upper left-hand of every page
- Include a page number in the upper right-hand side of every page
Format

- Title page
- Body (organized by section headings)
- References
Title Page

Running Head: ABBREVIATED TITLE on the first line, flush-left, maximum 50 characters
Title flush on the left
Page number on the flush right

Title (in the upper half of the page, centered)
Your name
School name
Running Head on the title page: Running head: ABBREVIATED TITLE on the first line, flush-left, maximum 50 characters
Title flush on the left
Page number on the flush right

Running Head on all pages following the title page:
Omit the words “Running head” but include the ABBREVIATED TITLE, flush-left, maximum 50 characters
Title flush on the left
Page number on the flush right
References

- An alphabetized list of sources used to complete the work
Creating the APA References list

- Identify the source type: book? journal article? webpage?
- Find an accurate sample of a citation for this type of resource from a reputable source (like the APA Manual, APA Style blog or the OWL at Purdue website)
- ‘Mirror’ the sample (copy the format)
- Arrange the list in alphabetical order
- Indent all lines after the first in a citation (hanging indent)
- Double space the list
The APA Manual (2010) states:

“Cite the work of those individuals whose ideas, theories, or research have directly influenced your work...Citation of an article implies that you have personally read the cited work.” (p. 169)
These tools are helpful, but they do not write the bibliography perfectly.

- https://www.citethisforme.com/apa
- http://www.calvin.edu/library/knightcite/
- http://citationmachine.net/index2.php
- http://www.bibme.org/
Whenever you use a source (quote or paraphrase) you **must** write a **citation in text:**

- the author’s name and the date of publication
  - (Stidworthy, 1993)
  - (Stidworthy, 1993; Potter and Jargodzki, 2005)
- for quotations and close paraphrases, provide a page number as well
  - (Stidworthy, 1993, p. 25)
  - (Stidworthy, 1993, pp. 25-29)
To Quote (cite all quotes)

- According to the Oxford English Dictionary
- Verb
  1. “Repeat or copy out a passage or remark by another person
  2. Mention something as an example to support a point” (Soanes, 2005, p. 839).
To Paraphrase (cite all paraphrased ideas)

- ...is to write “essential information and ideas expressed by someone else...in a new form” (Welcome to the Purdue OWL, 2014)
- re-write the idea in your own words
- do NOT simply replace words
- “change the structure of the passage” (IB, 2014, p. 12)
To Summarize (cite all summarized ideas)

- When you summarize, “you condense an extended idea or argument into a sentence or more in your own words” (Fowler, 1994, p. 578)
References


Credible Sources for More Info on APA

- APA Style Blog
  http://blog.apastyle.org/

- Owl Purdue Online Writing Lab
  http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/

- Carson Graham Library LibGuides (Coming soon!!)
  http://libguides.sd44.ca/apa
  *Publication Manual of the APA* Call #808 PUB

- Simon Fraser University Library
  http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/writing/apa

- UBC Library
  http://www.library.ubc.ca/pubs/apastyle.pdf

Please do not hesitate to ask Ms Tieche for help.
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