

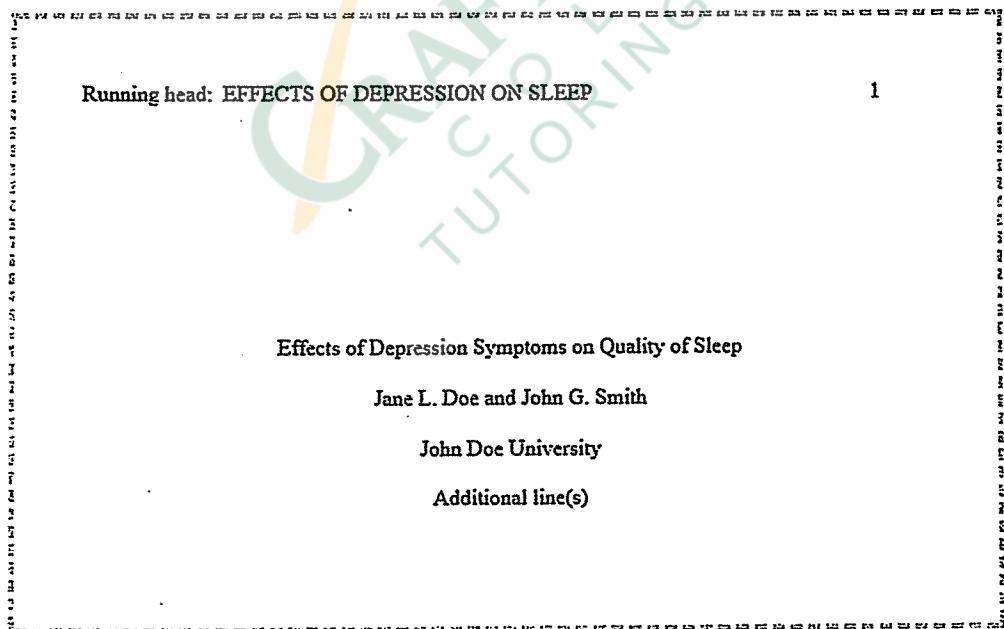
# APA Essay Checklist!

## Do I have my...

- Cover Page**
  - *Running head*
  - *Page number*
  - *Centered title*
  - *Author & school name*
- Abstract (if needed)**
- Essay in 12-pt, Times New Roman font, & double-spaced**
- Headers and Page Numbers**
- Citations**
  - *In-text and parenthetical*
- Reference Page**
  - *Alphabetical order*
  - *Hanging indent citations*

## Cover Page Rules

- Title:
  - Type your title, *centered*, in the upper half of the page.
  - Your title should be **no more than 12 words in length** and that it should not contain abbreviations or words that serve no purpose.
  - Your title can take up one *or* two lines.
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- Running is capitalized, while head is not.

Running head:

- The rest of your paper only contains the capitalized title and page number as the header.

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- When referring to books, chapters, articles, or Web pages, capitalize only the first letter of the first word of a *title and subtitle*...

Examing the relationship between instant messaging and intimacy.

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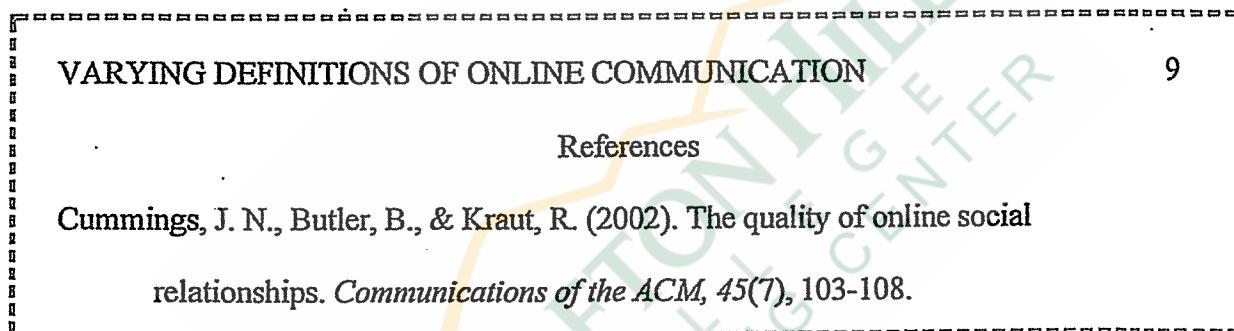
Hu, Y., Wood, J. F., Smith, V., & Westbrook, N. (2004). Friendships through IM:

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...and proper nouns.

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