APA Headings Explained

Non-Leveled Heading, centered, Not Boldface, Title Caps

This is used for the **Title** on the first page, the **Abstract**, the **Conclusion**, and the **References** only.

**Heading Level 1, Centered, Boldface, Title Caps**

These are like chapters in a book. Each Level 1 heading signifies a large portion of your paper, thus Level 1 Headings are only used in longer papers. In papers smaller than 10 pages (or so), we start with Level 2 Headings. Level 1 headings may be consider smaller papers in their own right.

**Heading Level 2, Flush left, Boldface, Title Caps**

These are the subsections, or topic paragraphs, within your paper. Each Level 2 Heading signifies an important, separate topic and usually covers 1-2 paragraphs of body text.

**Heading level 3, indented, boldface, sentence caps, ends with period.** This heading starts your paragraph. These headings are used in longer papers in which the topics covered in Level 2 headings may be longer than 2 or so paragraphs, requiring them to be broken down into smaller subsections. Each level heading after 2 is a smaller subsection of the previous level headings, therefore a level 4 heading signifies the paragraph is a subsection of the Level 3 Heading topic, and so on.

**Heading Level 4, indented, boldface, sentence caps, italicized, ends with period.** This heading starts your paragraph.

**Heading level 5, italicized, sentence caps, ends with a period.** This heading starts your paragraph.
Paper Outline for Topical Essay: Death Penalty (3-5 pages long)

The Death Penalty (intro)

Support for the Death Penalty

Foreign governments supporting the death penalty.

Non-political organizations supporting the death penalty.

Opposition for the Death Penalty

Moral/ethical opposition.

Organizations and governments opposing the death penalty.

Death Penalty Statistics

Conclusion

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The Death Penalty (Intro)

Support for the Death Penalty

Foreign Governments Supporting the Death Penalty

Asia and the Middle East.

*Indian crime after denunciation.*

Europe and the West.

Non-Political Organizations Supporting the Death Penalty

The ACTG initiative.

American Republican political party.

National Jewish Alliance for Capital Punishment (NJACP).

Opposition for the Death Penalty

Moral/Ethical Opposition

Emmanuel Kant and the moral imperative.

The Jekyll/Hyde syndrome and death row.

*Tookie Williams.*

Organizations and Governments Opposing the Death Penalty

Capitol offense revision organizations.

*Domestic terrorism and the death penalty.*

Catholic Church oppositions.

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Capital Offenses and Death Row

Race and the Death Penalty

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