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# Sample Student Paper

 This is the introduction. The heading (centered, bold) is not “Introduction,” but the title of the paper. This document was created to demonstrate the format of an APA paper. Although the content is short, all the parts are complete including headings and subheadings, as well as a reference section. APA7 Student version papers do not need running heads.

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# Heading 2

 Body of essay

# Conclusion

 In the conclusion, you will sum up your arguments. You don’t necessarily need to provide citations unless you are mentioning others’ ideas. It depends on the nature of the paper.

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