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Personality and Birth Order: First-Borns and Later-Borns

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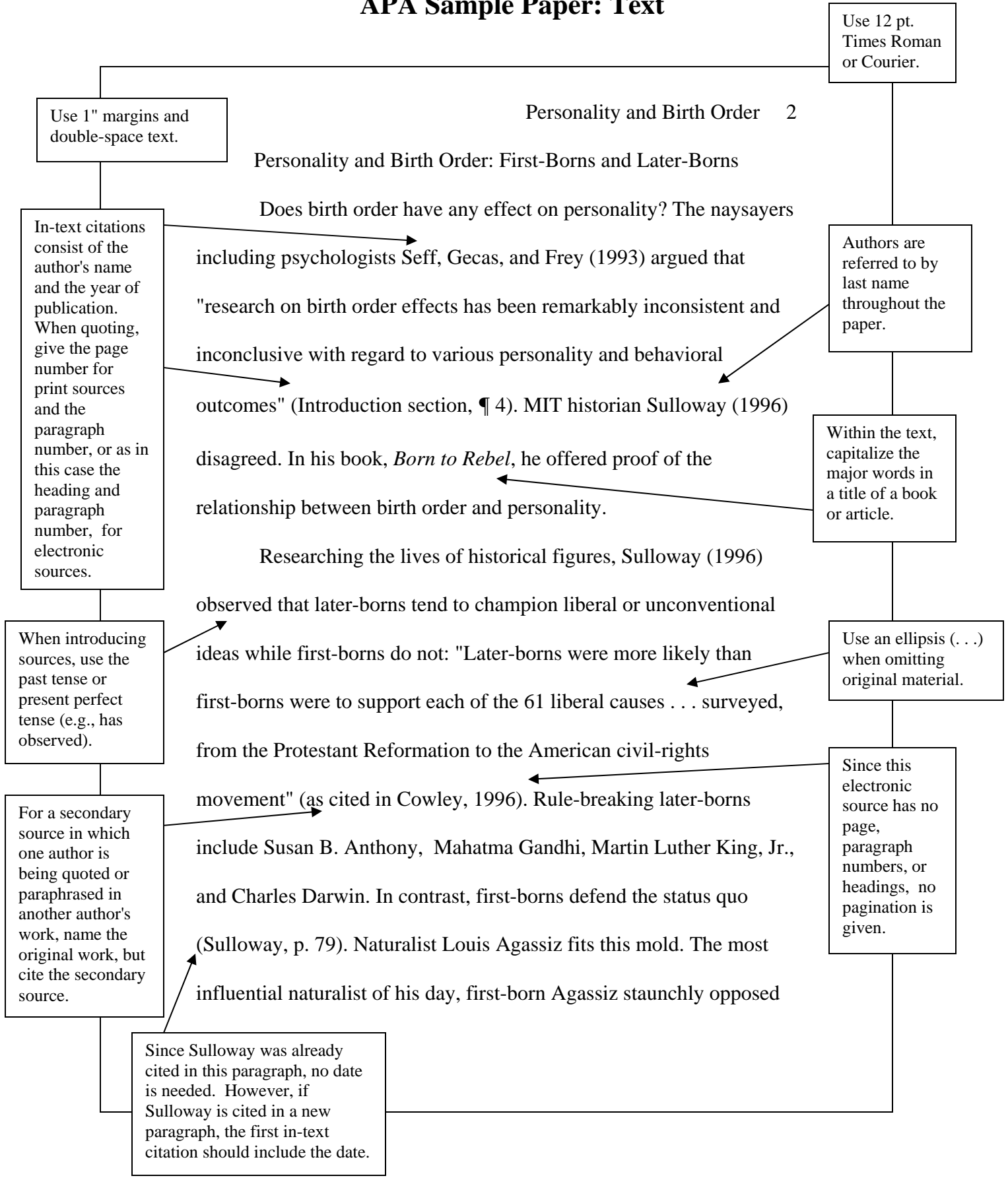
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Darwin's radical notions about biological change:

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When Darwin proposed a revolutionary solution--that all nature's variety stems from a simple process that preserves useful variations and discards harmful ones--the authorities were appalled. "A scientific mistake" thundered Louis Agassiz, . . . "untrue in its facts . . . and mischievous in its tendency."  
(Cowley)

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References

Sources are listed in alphabetical order by author's last name. If there is no author, move the publication date after the title and alphabetize by the first major word in the title.

The second line of each entry is indented 1/2" or 5 spaces.

In the reference list, capitalize only the first word in the title and subtitle of a book or article.

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The reference list begins on a new page.

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For additional help with APA style documentation consult the following resources in the Writing Center.

*A Writer's Reference*

*Writing Center Handout: APA Style—Reference List/In-text*

*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*

Purdue University's OWL is another excellent source of information on APA.

[http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r\\_apa.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_apa.html)

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