

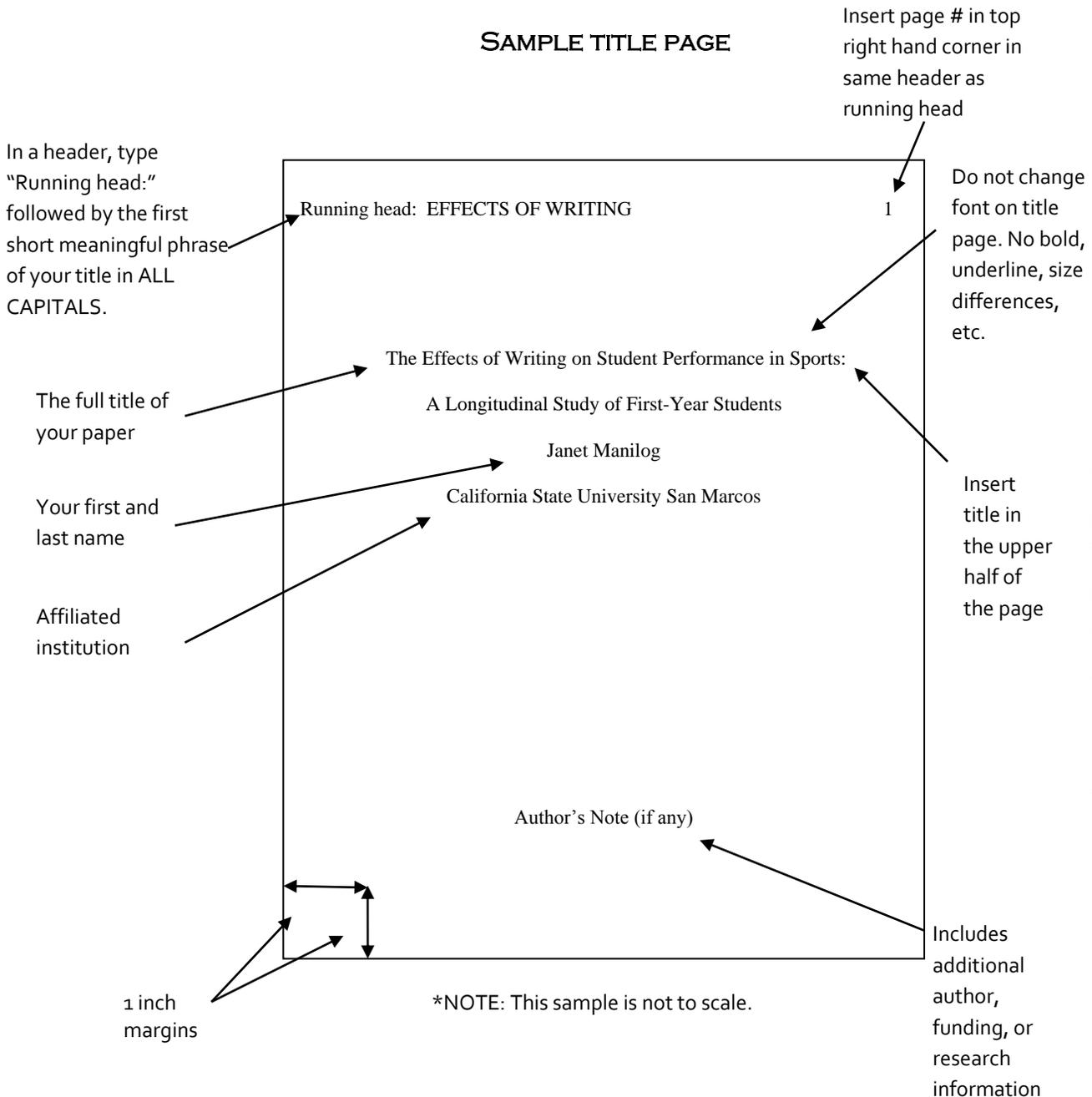
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SAMPLE REFERENCE PAGE

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Zinsser, W.K. (1993). *Writing to learn*. New York: Harper.

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