## Kinesiology Writing Tips Sheet

| **AUDIENCE** | ● Peers  
● Professionals of the field |
| **PURPOSE** | ● Research papers: to develop background and rationale for a selected research question |
| **STRUCTURE** | ● Lab reports, case studies, article reviews  
● Lengthy introductions, concluded by a research question  
● Typically the thesis does not come until the very end of the paper.  
● Clear organization of sources/studies  
● “Hourglass” structure: general to specific to general  
   ○ Similar to “regular” writing  
● Title page, abstract, body, works cited  
● May be written in sections |
| **TONE/VOICE** | ● Scientific  
● Academic  
● Passive voice |
| **SOURCE INTEGRATION** | ● Direct quotes paired with analysis or paraphrasing |
| **RESEARCH/SOURCES** | ● Peer-reviewed sources vs. popular sources  
● Case studies, lab reports, scholarly articles  
● Observations |
| **CITATION/BIBLIOGRAPHY NOTES** | ● APA format  
● Emphasis on intellectual property  
● Every direct quote and paraphrase must be cited.  
   ○ In-text citations are followed by author last name and year of publication  
● Common knowledge should not be cited |
| **WRITING RESOURCES** | ● Hubbuch: sample research papers  
● OWL at Purdue |