**Strategy 24 AP Style**

[See also my sheets A–E, F–N, O–Z.]

Again, their list is short, but that means it is important stuff.

The *AP Stylebook* is the primary resource for GSSP [used to be called The Bible of the newspaper industry, or the journalist’s Bible.]

If not here, use *Webster’s New World Dictionary*. If that has alternate spellings, use those first.

1. Ages—figures even if under 10. He is 3 years old. She is a 3-year-old.
2. Allegedly. Don’t over use it; maybe don’t use it at all. OK as a verb.
3. Use a.m. and p.m. for time. Not it happened at 3 p.m. this afternoon [redundant]
4. Among/between [think of related words—twice, twin, twain]
5. Annual, not first annual [but that might be true …]
6. Use “another” only with equal numbers four of these and another four of those.
7. Say “arrested in connection with.” “Arrested for robbery” convicts the person.
8. Numbers with billion/ million. E.g. it cost $3 million [also, not “it cost $3 million dollars.”]
9. [AP in 2018 dropped the rule that says two things collide only if both are in motion]
10. convince/persuade [cognitive/affective vs. behavioral change]
11. Damages is a monetary award from a court.
12. Each means both; either means one or the other
13. They helped each other (two people). They helped one another (many people).
14. farther/further (see F–N handout; this is essentially distance vs. conceptual)
15. fewer/less than [fewer things, less stuff; also comes up in number vs. amount]
16. They left after the meeting. Not “following” when it refers to time.
17. She arrived at midnight. Don’t says 12 [and is it 12 a.m. or 12 p.m.?]
18. Murder means a conviction. Killing or death otherwise.
19. Noon. Same as midnight.
20. She pleaded guilty. (not pled)
21. p.m. As with a.m.
22. Street names [see addresses in A–E handout; generally abbreviate if more than five letters: 111 Hamilton St.]
23. You suffer an injury, not receive an injury.
24. Look toward the front. Generally drop that extra “s.” {AP will always prefer the less stuffy word, e.g. among vs. amongst, backward vs. backwards]
25. In the 1960s. But in the ’60s.