This facsimile of The Star Copy Style sheet is one of the most often-requested pieces of memorabilia relating to the history of The Kansas City Star. This is the document that Ernest Hemingway would have been given during his tenure writing police and emergency-room items at The Star in 1917 and 1918. Hemingway later remarked to a reporter that the admonitions in this style sheet were the best rules I ever learned in the business of writing.

This early Star style sheet exists today in two different versions, but neither can be dated definitively. The version reproduced on the reverse of this page is believed to be the one used at the newspaper around 1915. It is likely that Hemingway used either this rule sheet or another very similar version.

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