

Assignment #2: Proposal (5%)

Due Date: Tuesday, September 6, 2011

The proposal is a document that presents the specific topic you wish to write about for your research paper and the parts of the paper. It is made up of three sections: the thesis, the outline and the bibliography.

1. Thesis

Present your topic. And then take a stand. Present your main argument, and how you will defend it.

In one paragraph, present your topic by giving some context about the actors involved and why this topic is important. Your last sentence states your position, this is the thesis statement. Phrase the thesis statement as an argument defending a position.

For example: “The introduction of *iPads* in schools is a terrible idea because teachers are charismatic lecturers and students don’t need extra technology.”

See *Tips & Tricks*, p. 50 – 53, for examples on writing a thesis statement.

2. Outline

On one to three pages, present an outline of what your essay will discuss. This is a detailed plan of the different parts of your research paper. It includes five sections: an introduction, three chapters (one section for each disciplinary aspect) and a conclusion.

Show your arguments in more detail. Present the research you have already done (as listed in your bibliography). Of course, at this stage of your research, you don’t know everything about your topic. But you do need to give yourself a clear and specific direction early in the process. Your final outline may differ from this one, and that is expected. Research is an evolving process. Consider this to be a map of the road ahead, as you imagine it right now. This is not a Table of Contents of the road travelled.

This outline cannot be formatted as a “topic outline”. But it can be formatted as a “sentence outline” or a “paragraph outline” as presented in *Tips and Tricks*, pp. 55-56.

3. Bibliography

In APA style, produce a bibliography of 3 sources related to your project, including the mandatory reading (Jacobs, 1992).

Specifications

3-5 pages including APA style cover page.

Times New Roman. 12 pt.

Margins justified. Double spaced.

Use indentation for paragraph breaks.

**Submission format: MS WORD .DOC or .RTF,
submitted in Léa ONLY**

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To give you a better idea of what to expect for the rest of the course, here are the requirements for the next assignments:

Content Matrix

Due:	Thursday, March 10
Content:	1st discipline
Length:	2 pages
References:	6 references (3 sources, 1-2 ideas per source, 1-2 quotes per idea)
Worth :	5 %

Paper 1

Due:	Tuesday, February 17
Content:	Company Overview
Length:	3-4 pages
Bibliography:	As specified
Worth :	10 %

Short Oral - Abstract

Due:	Tuesday, March 1
Content:	Short presentation of topic and research
Length:	200 words
Bibliography:	none
Worth :	5 % (including 2 min. presentation)

Paper 2

Due:	Thursday, March 24
Content:	1st discipline
Length:	5-6 pages
Bibliography:	3-4 sources
Worth :	10 %

Paper 3

Due:	Thursday, April 28
Content:	2 nd discipline
Length:	5-6 pages
Bibliography:	3-4 sources
Worth :	10 %

Long Oral Presentation

Due: Thursday, April 07
Content: All
Length: 16 minutes
Bibliography: none
Worth : 10 %

Research Paper – Final Draft

Due: Thursday, May 5
Content: Research paper including 3 disciplines
Length: 10-14 pages (excluding cover page, bibliography)
Bibliography: 11 or more sources
Worth : 25 %