

English 102

Researched Paper Proposal

This proposal does not commit you to a particular topic, but the sooner you decide on a topic and begin working on it, the more time you'll have to do the actual research and writing, rather than agonizing over a decision and wasting valuable time. The more time you have to find, read, and reflect on the resources you intend to use, the more thoughtful and convincing your analysis will be. Remember, you do not need to have an argument or clear thesis yet; in fact, it may be more helpful to think of a research question: what do you want to know about, and why?

Respond to each of the following questions as specifically and completely as you can. Your proposal should be about **one typewritten page**. Proposals are due **Tuesday, May 6**.

1. What topic or topic area are you planning to research?
2. Why have you chosen this topic? How does it relate to your life, your interests, your studies, or your work? What do you already know or believe about the topic that will facilitate your research?
3. What question(s) about the topic do you hope to answer for yourself? What is your working thesis?
4. What is your working title?
5. Name at least one critical source (book or journal article) outside of our text that you plan to use. What are your reasons for choosing it?
6. In what way(s) and to whom is your research significant and your argument interesting, important, and not obvious or already known? What do you want your readers to learn from your research?