

The Research Proposal

Make sure you fill out completely *all* the information in the sections below. Failure to complete these sections fully and honestly may incur a loss of points. Responding to some questions with “no” or “n/a” or “I don’t know yet” *is* acceptable; however, leaving any responses blank is not. If you do not understand any questions you are encouraged to contact your instructor.

Section 1

Name:

Your Major:

Section 2

On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you *now* feeling about writing for this course? Explain any change in your scoring from the first assignment.

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Section 3

Final grade you received from your previous assignment (Research Plan). How do you feel about this grade? If you lost points on the first major assignments, then **where** and **why** did you lose points, and what have you done to address the issue? Write out your response in complete sentences below.

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Section 4

Based on your last assignment and the lessons you have received so far in ENG 204, what **three** things have you given extra care and attention towards for this assignment? Make sure your three points are updated and distinct from your previous submission

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Section 5

Working Topic: (e.g., smoking)

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Working Research Question: (e.g., Is smoking beneficial?)

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Working Thesis: (e.g., Smoking is beneficial.)

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Working Secondary Questions

You may not have *all* your secondary questions yet – but have a go at writing what some may be. At least, you'll get some feedback from your instructor. Remember that secondary questions are W-questions that usually follow "if so ..." and/or "If not ..."

(Examples: What are the benefits of smoking?)

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Working Counter Theses: (e.g., 1/ Smoking is not beneficial. 2/ Smoking may have some benefits, but it has more drawbacks. 3/ Smoking may be beneficial but only when combined with other practices. 4/ Smoking may be beneficial for some people but not for others. Etc.)

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Working Supporting Arguments: (e.g., [Smoking is beneficial because ...] 1/ smoking makes you look cool. 2/ smoking helps you lose weight.)

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Working Counter Arguments: (e.g., [Smoking is *not* beneficial because ...] because 1/ smoking causes serious diseases. 2/ cigarette smoke is very smelly. 3/ smoking not only harms the smoker, it also harms other people in the environment of the smoker.)

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Working Refutations/Rebuttals/Acknowledgements of Counter Arguments:

(e.g., For “Cigarette smoke is very smelly,” I have found a study showing that most people actually like the smell of cigarette smoke on their clothes. I have also found an article describing a company that makes cigarette smoke room fresheners.)

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Write Your Paper Below

Begin your paper at the start of the next page. Note that APA Level 1 headers have been provided. Write appropriate paragraphs within these prescribed areas. Remember to leave the rubric at the end of the paper.

Introduction

Discussion of Sources

Source 1

Source 2

Source 3

Source 4

Source 5

Source 6

Source 7

Source 8

Outline

References

Checklist

Before submitting, write “YES” for each of the items below. If this section has not been completed in full then your paper will need to be resubmitted as LATE (incurring the usual 10% late penalties).

1/ I have carefully read *out loud* my entire paper and corrected issues where appropriate.

2/ I have named the file for submission as follows: Research Proposal [my name]

For example: Research Proposal Philip Michael McCarthy

3/ I have read the rubric and guide, and included all the information required in the pages above.

4/ I have pressed spellcheck/grammar check and corrected any text as appropriate.

5/ I have set my WORD document to all the specified proofing requirements, and I have corrected my test accordingly. If not, I have contacted my instructor for assistance.

6/ The file I am submitting is a Microsoft Word document.

7/ I have carefully checked my paper to ensure there are *no* examples of any form of plagiarism. I fully understand what these forms of plagiarism are and I realize fully that any examples of plagiarism will have severe consequences (including *but not limited to* a zero grade, an F for the course, a formal report to administration, and/or having to write a completely new research paper on a different topic). I further confirm that I have had ample opportunity to discuss issues of plagiarism with my instructor and that any and all of my questions have been addressed.

8/ All work submitted in this paper is my own. No other person was involved in any of the actual writing of this paper. If I received ANY help from ANY other source, I have emailed my instructor to detail ALL the support that I received.

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