

SAMPLE RESEARCH PROPOSAL - PAGE 2

Timeline

<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date of Completion</u>
I. Research Proposal	
A. Deliberate on topic of research paper	25 March 2017
B. Quick Internet search for information	25 March 2017
C. Type and proofread proposal	26 March 2017
II. Annotated Bibliography	
A. Initiate search for possible secondary Sources	26 March 2017
B. Read sources	27 March 2017
C. Continue reading sources	29 March 2017
D. Type citations and summaries of two annotations	31 March 2017
E. Type citations and summaries of two additional annotations	2 April 2017
F. Proofread and print assignment	4 April 2017
G. Submit completed assignment	5 April 2017
III. Research Paper	
A. Draft first two pages of Research Paper	02 April 2019
B. Draft next 3 pages of paper	08 April 2017
C. Add direct quotes from secondary sources To paper	12 April 2017
D. Write last page of paper	15 April 2017
E. Proofread paper	15 April 2017
F. Construct Works Cited Page	17 April 2017
G. Final proofreading	19 April 2017
H. Submit Research Paper	19 April 2017

ENGL 1020 Sections 043 and 049
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Assignments Three, Four and Five – Research Proposal, Annotated
Bibliography and Research Essay

Timeline

- **Monday, March 27** – Research Proposal Due. Length: 2 pages (first page = paragraph format, second page = outline format). The content should include an explanation of your topic, including a brief summary of 1 - 2 secondary sources, and a timeline for completion of the research paper project (including the time it will take to construct the proposal, research the subject, construct the annotated bibliography, write and submit the final version of the research paper.) More information regarding this assignment will be provided in class.
- **Wednesday, March 29** – Class will meet in **Walker Library**, Room Walker Library Room 264-A to work on the Annotated Bibliography assignment.
- **Wednesday, April 5** – Annotated Bibliography Due. Length: 10 entries, with each entry consisting of full source citation in MLA style and a paragraph long (5-7 sentences) summary of each source. More information regarding this assignment will be provided in class.
- **Wednesday, April 12** – Peer Review of two full pages of the research paper.
- **Wednesday, April 19** – Research Paper due.

Length Requirements

The essay, in its final form, should be **6 – 8 pages long**, typed according to the format requirements mentioned in the course syllabus. In addition, a correctly formatted Works Cited page listing **3 – 4 secondary sources** chosen either from your annotated bibliography or other sources you discover while researching your topic must be attached to the essay. Remember, the use of correctly formatted in-text citations is mandatory.

Assignment

Write an essay proposing a solution(s) to a thoroughly researched problem. Choose a problem faced by either a group to which you belong or the global community, and address your planned solution(s) to the problem. Introduce/define the problem in the first few paragraphs of the essay as you work toward your thesis, which should briefly outline your proposed solution(s) to the problem. In the body paragraphs following the introduction, explain the problem in great detail, offering information about its history, facts, statistics, expert and/or personal opinion, etc. You will elaborate on the solution(s) to the problem in much greater detail later in the body paragraphs of the essay. The purpose of your essay is to inform readers about the extent of the problem and convince your audience to take the issue and your proposed solution(s) seriously. Therefore, somewhere in the body of the essay you should also briefly anticipate and acknowledge readers' opposing views, as well as questions they might have about the problem you have identified.

Use of Secondary Sources

As mentioned above, you must incorporate a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 secondary sources in your discussion. Personal interviews may serve as sources, as well as the readings from *Fields of Reading* the course textbook. As a note: neither Spark Notes, Wikipedia, nor any version of the dictionary are considered secondary sources. You must find books, book chapters, essays, online websites, blogs, newspaper or journal articles written about the topic you are discussing, or verifiable facts and statistics from reputable organizations.