Assignment #5  
Research Project Proposal  
ENG 4/574

Description
This assignment requires you to propose a final research project for this course. You may use the URC grant proposal format or you may use a general proposal format (such as the format you learned in ENG 271).

I will have an individual meeting with you to review your project proposal draft during class time on Thursday, October 26. Please e-mail me your draft by noon on this day.

The proposal will be due to me on Thursday, November 2 (note the date change from the syllabus).

Due dates
- Thursday, October 26: E-mail your proposal draft to me by noon and bring your draft to a one-on-one meeting with me.
- Thursday, November 2: Submit your proposal via e-mail to me at gretchen.haas@mnsu.edu before the beginning of class. Please include “ENG 4/574 <your first name> <your last name> Proposal” in the subject line.

Evaluative Criteria and Standards
Good
- You clearly articulate your research question.
- You frame your research question in the context of secondary sources, thus indicating why your research question is important or appropriate.
- You describe your research method(s) in detail and, in the course of so doing, demonstrate why your method is an appropriate fit for the research question you stated.
- You include a detailed timeline, i.e., a specific plan of action by which you will accomplish your research.
- You cite sources appropriately.

Average
- You reference your research interest but do not clearly articulate your research question.
- You frame your research question in the context of a few secondary sources, but do not do so in such a way as to fully indicate why your research question is important or appropriate.
- You describe your research method(s), though not in sufficient detail, and you do not make a clear connection between your research question and your chosen method.
- You include a timeline with some detail, i.e., a guide for your research activities
- You cite sources appropriately.

Poor
- You obliquely reference your research interest.
- You do not frame your research question in the context of secondary sources, nor do you indicate why your research question is important or appropriate.
- You reference your research method(s) but you do not include adequate detail for the reader to understand your research activity.
- You include no timeline for your research activities.
- You cite sources incompletely or inconsistently.