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 Monday, November 5. Please e-mail me your draft by 8:00 am on this day.

The final proposal will be due to me before the beginning of class on Monday, November 12.

Evaluative Criteria and Standards

Your proposal will merit an A if you do the following:
• Meet with me to discuss your complete proposal draft.
• 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.

Your proposal will merit a C (or B for graduate students) if you do the following:
• Meet with me to discuss your incomplete proposal draft.
• 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.

Your proposal will merit an F (or a C for graduate students) if you do the following:
• Do not meet with me to discuss your proposal draft.
• 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.