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).

You must turn in a draft of your proposal before the beginning of class on March 29.

I want to meet with you individually to review your proposal, so please also schedule a ten-minute meeting with me to review your proposal sometime between March 30 and April 3. The purpose of this meeting will be to make sure you’re on the right track with your proposal so that you’re setting yourself up to conduct a successful research project.

The final proposal will be due to me before the beginning of class on April 5.

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.