Assignment #7
Experimental Research
ENG 4/574

Description
Using the approach to experimental research as described in the course reading and on the Web site, design and experimental research project with your team. This assignment will be completed over a two-week period and thus involves only the component of designing your research.

Your team will design this mini-project in class on Thursday, April 12. Your design should include a research question, some background information about why your team is interested in pursuing that question, and your research plan, which includes details about your target population, your sample, and the experiment itself.

Due Date
The research design is due on Thursday, April 19.

Evaluative Criteria and Standards

Your work will merit an A if you do the following:
• In your introduction, you articulate your research question and some background information about why you are interested in pursuing that question.
• Your methods section matches up with your research question, i.e., you should demonstrate how the research you design is an appropriate means by which to address the question you have articulated.
• Your methods section describes, in detail, how you would undertake this research and should reflect what you learned in class about this particular method.

Your work will merit a C (or a B if a graduate student) if you do the following:
• In your introduction, you reference your research interest and some background information about interest.
• Your methods section somewhat corresponds to your research question, i.e., the connection between your research interest and the method by which you intend to address that interest is tenuous.
• Your methods section describes how you would undertake this research, but does not contain adequate detail about your method. Nor does your methods section necessarily reflect what you learned in class about this particular method.

Your work will merit an F (or a C if a graduate student) if you do the following:
• In your introduction, you obliquely reference your research interest. You do not provide context for the reader to understand your research interest.
• Your methods section does not correspond to your research question, i.e., there appears to be little if any connection between your research question and your method.
• Your methods section does not adequately describe how you would undertake your research, nor does it reflect the method as you learned about it in class.