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**Writing as Inquiry I (sections 04, 014, 017)**

**Research project proposal, integrated annotated bibliography, and full Works-cited Page**

**Length: 500-600 words (not including the bibliographic information of sources)**

**Worth: Out of 100 points**

**Due Date: April 28<sup>th</sup> before 11: 00 am Shanghai Time to NYU Classes**

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### **Description and Expectations:**

Write full, well-developed paragraphs. Provide a concise and coherent summary of your research proposal.

Here is what needs to be included in your proposal: your research proposal should articulate **(1)** its general topic and the one or two major questions which your paper aspires to pursue and seeks to answer through systematic and organized research. In addition, **(2)** offer the rationale behind your chosen topic and specific research question in light of your understanding of the 4 peer-reviewed sources or at least 2 of these academic sources. Your proposal must **(3)** engage a minimum of 4 peer-reviewed sources: offer a brief summary **ONLY** of each source's relevant points or claims –and I mean relevant to your research question—and explain how each source informs your research question or one of your paper's sub-claims or sub-sections. Use these sources to articulate “they say” summary claims/positions and which you will use to show the need for your own position before you provide your own claim. Furthermore, **(4)** when you provide your hypothesis or thesis statement, the thesis should articulate your position in relation to and in conversation with the other sources. Also, **(5)** in the body of your proposal, remember to engage with opposing views through acknowledgment, partial agreement, counterarguments, etc. and as much as possible, provide your own tentative sub-claims which you will use to advance your thesis.

Each of the used peer-reviewed sources can be useful in one or more of the following ways: you can challenge a source's claim or one of its sub-claims and use this move to introduce your own core claim as a better response or solution to the issue at hand, or you can use a source as a form of evidence and support of your main claim or a sub-claim, or you can use a source to offer necessary context and background information, or you can use a source to make a smooth transition into another layer or point of your claim, and/or you can use a source to define a core term you rely on or question. These are some of the ways as to why/how to incorporate sources in the proposal.

As you clearly articulate your research question, remember that your hypothesis or tentative thesis statement should be the answer to your research question. I understand that your thesis will most likely evolve and change a little bit or more as you continue your research and begin drafting but that is okay. In your thesis, follow a “they say, I say formula.” You can adapt one of the thesis statement templates which we looked at during crafting your argumentative synthesis essay. Also, look at the thesis statement featured in the sample annotated outline or in the document entitled “On research and narrowing down your research topic.” In the proposal, remember to offer a brief outline of what

points or sub-claims you would like to discuss in your paper. Finally, **(6)** make sure to include a complete (working) bibliography that includes the minimum 8 sources you will be using. Have these sources on a separate page.

**Remember to . . .**

- Consult with a librarian when you need help locating sources, searching or anything related to research. To contact the library or make an appointment with a librarian, see the information mentioned in the research paper's assignment sheet.
- Do not hesitate to reserve an appointment now with the ARC to make sure your proposal fulfills requirements and that it is well written.
- Submit a clean piece of writing.
- Fix grammatical errors and typos.
- Eliminate wordiness and properly format the proposal.
- Use a suitable diction and write well developed, clear, and clean paragraphs.
- Make sure that your thesis and sub-claims are clear, clean, focused, specific, and arguable.
- Make sure that your proposal fulfills the above 6 requirements.
- Your submitted proposal must include the 6 requirements and full bibliography or a works-cited page.
- Properly summarize, paraphrase, and integrate direct quotes.
- Be as clear and thorough as possible when you draw attention to the controversial issue (i.e. practical problem and or research problem), be informative about what "they say" and be precise in terms of what "you say," and articulate the significance of your take on the issue. Craft your points in a logical manner (see the annotated sample full-sentence outline).
- Submit your work on time and submit it as a Microsoft Word document.