ASSIGNING THE PROPOSAL APRIL 18TH

1. **BY WAY OF REVIEW: So far we’ve talked about 3 important elements of the “Business Paragraph”. (Business Paragraph Due April 21st )**

**A. The statement of purpose**

**B. The research question**

**C. The thesis statement**

**In your proposal, we should include these first three of these elements in your general description.**

**II. The purpose of the proposal:**

**A. First it allows you to begin to focus your attention on several of the required criteria:**

***Criteria A: The Research Question* (Up to 2 points)**

**The extent to which the purpose of the essay is expressed and specified. The research question should be stated in the early part of the essay and be sharply focused, making it susceptible to effective treatment within the word limit.**

***Criteria B: Introduction: (Up to 2 points)***

**The extent to which the introduction makes clear how the research question relates to existing knowledge on the topic and explains how the chosen topic is significant, worthy of study, and how the investigation itself will be conducted.**

**Note: *The proposal should help you prepare your “Business paragraph” for your Abstract and Introduction.***

**Criteria C. Investigation: (Up to 4 points)**

**The extent to which the investigation is planned and an appropriate range of sources has been consulted, or data has been gathered that is relevant to the research question. Where the research question does not lend itself to a systematic investigation of the subject in which the essay is registered, the maximum level that can be awarded is 2.**

**\*Note: *The proposal should help you do some of the planning of the investigation.***

**B. Following are three ways in which writing a proposal helps you draft your EE.**

1. **It introduces you to writing a statement of purpose, research question, introduction, and bibliography.**
2. **It helps you begin preliminary background research to determine the workability of a topic.**
3. **It helps you record and remember ideas you get now for later when you actually begin your draft.**
4. **Components of your proposal (Three sections as follows):**
5. **General description (one and a half to two pages) Include the following:**
6. **Specific discipline (Your chosen subject area)**
7. **Statement of purpose**
8. **Research question**
9. **Thesis statement (Proposed answer to your question.)**
10. **Overview of central argument (In a sentence or two)**
11. **Theoretical methodology, (Any terms, concepts, or theories to be presented, tested or analyzed.)**
12. **Outline: Preliminary MLA style outline of your Extended Essay (Presented in complete sentences, not bullet points.) Include sections on each of the following:**
13. **Introduction**
14. **Argument**
15. **Conclusion \*(See sample outline at the end of this packet.)**
16. **Annotated Bibliography: (Include each of the following)**
17. **Full bibliographic reference**
18. **A four sentence paragraph (a synopsis of information found in each source)**
19. **A four sentence paragraph (a summary of each source’s value to your thesis)**
20. **\*Note: At least one of these references should be a pertinent professional journal**

**\*Final Note the entire proposal is due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Following is an example of a brief general description. Copy this one and fill in the blanks to make it appropriate for your topic.**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

This paper will be written in the specific discipline of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The purpose of the paper will be to (compare and contrast?)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to answer the research question:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The paper will explore the thesis that\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The plan of investigation will incorporate a presentation of quotations from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . Theoretical methodology will include a definition and discussion of the following terms, concepts and/or theories:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Other aspects of the research plan include:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

II. PROPOSED OUTLINE: (See sample outline on back of proposal directions) It is also listed on the next page of this file.

III. ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: (10 SOURCE LISTINGS)

For each listing prepare a 4 sentence synopsis of information that source contains

For each source prepare a 4 sentence summary of how this source will help you with your essay.

**Following is a sample outline you might want to use:**

1. **Introduction:**
2. **Opening:**
3. **Statement of purpose**
4. **Research question**
5. **Thesis statement**
6. **Background information**
7. **Proposed plan of investigation**

1. **Argument:**
2. **General statement of your various points of view**
3. **Point of view**
4. **Point of view**

**B. How you plan to compare these points of view:**

**1 First term of measurement compared with your selected views**

**a.Likeness**

**b.Difference**

**2. Second term of measurement:**

**a. Likeness**

**b. Difference**

**C. Kinds of sources you might use on which to base your facts:**

1. **Print sources**
2. **Online sources**
3. **Official documents**
4. **Ways you will present your information:**
5. **Quotations from sources**
6. **Graphics from sources**
7. **Quotations from interviews and/or references to surveys**
8. **A lab experiment, field work etc.**
9. **Conclusion: (REMINDER: No new information here)**
10. **Restatement of research question**
11. **Evidence that thesis was supported or refuted**
12. **Evaluation of your plan of investigation**
13. **Unresolved questions or adjustments to original thesis**
14. **Issues of knowledge that appeared during research**

**Following is a copy of the Proposal Feedback Sheet so you can self-check to make sure you have included all items:**

NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

FEEDBACK ON STUDENT EE PROPOSALS

NOTE: Below is a list of the Criteria for the EE Proposal

If after a **quick glance** through the proposal, there is evidence that a criterion has been met, a check after the yes column is marked.

If there is no evidence, or the evidence is not clear, a (-) minus is marked in the no column.

Any underlined/highlighted items below indicate there is evidence that certain aspects of a criterion are incomplete or missing.

YES NO DESCRIPTION (Includes)

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Subject area

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Statement of purpose

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Research question (RQ=SAT+ 2PV + TOM)

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Thesis statement

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Theoretical methodology

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ PRELIMINARY OUTLINE (Includes)

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Introduction

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Argument

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Conclusion

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY (Includes)

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Ten sources listed

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Four sentence synopsis for each source

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Four sentence summary of each source’s value to your essay

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Sources include on pertinent professional journal article