

The paper proposal, **due February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5:00 pm**, is designed to encourage early engagement with your final essay for this course. Your proposal should include a short description of your selected topic for the final paper assignment, as well as an annotated bibliography on the academic sources you plan on using. This assignment will be **worth 10%** of your final grade.

Your paper proposal should be between **750-900 words** (roughly 3-4 pages, excluding the title page), double spaced, and in Times New Roman, 12-point font. The first 300 words of your proposal will outline the aim of your research, and the rest will be used for your annotated bibliography. You are permitted to write in the first person for this assignment.

Your introductory paragraph **needs to include a thesis statement**. You are encouraged to underline your thesis statement so that it is easily identifiable. Please ensure your full name, student number, professor's name, course code, and word count are on your title page.

You must use 4 academic sources (book chapters, academic journals, government documents, etc.) to create your annotated bibliography, and you must use APA or MLA style formatting. An annotated bibliography is an alphabetic list of research resources that includes an annotation (a description and/or brief critique) for each item. The purpose of the annotation is to inform the reader of the substance, relevance, and quality of each source. Annotations appear after each item in the bibliography.

A short list of topics will be provided to you, but you are free to choose any topic of personal interest. You may submit this assignment as either a Word document or a PDF.

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