

## Proposal Paper

**Prompt:** The next line of argumentation we will examine is the proposal. Our investigation of this argumentative line culminates with your construction of such a document. **Your proposal is to identify a problem or need relevant to the Walsh University campus and offer a way to solve this problem or fill this need.**

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A strong claim should anchor your proposal, and you need to support this claim with reasons. These reasons should clarify which aspects of your proposal you will evidence as valid in the body of your essay. Your warrant should link your claim to your reasons clearly, and you should provide sufficient backing for this warrant—demonstrating to readers that a problem does exist and that this problem is worthy of readers' time and attention. In addition, you should ground each of your reasons, thereby proving the validity of your claim.

In both the backing and grounds of the proposal, you should offer not just a sufficient quantity of evidence, but also a range of types of evidence (including personal experience, anecdotal evidence, statements from authority, and statistics). Note that your proposal must incorporate insights from at least four primary or secondary sources, at least one of which should be a scholarly source you access through the Walsh University library's databases.

**Length:** At least four pages, but no longer than six.

**Format:** Your proposal should be typed and double-spaced, with one-inch margins on all sides. Your font will be Times New Roman, size twelve. The layout of your text should be in accordance with MLA guidelines. Likewise, your use of quotations and your documentation should be in line with MLA formatting principles.