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Your proposal should be brief and to the point. Don't make it any more complicated than it really is. Relax and think about how this assignment will help you learn how to write better papers in the future. ☺

Research Paper Proposal

Date:

To: Professor Debbie Vallejo

From:

Subject of my paper: This is the broad topic your paper will fall under. Example – "Short Term Memory Loss" is a broad topic. The thesis statement will narrow down the discussion of your paper.

My Major and why writing this paper about this topic will be beneficial to me: This is a personal discussion about why you chose the topic and how this information will benefit you.

My thesis statement: Should be one or two sentences, and is a statement of your belief, not a question. Is a specific statement that says where you stand on the topic you are discussing. Example – Short term memory loss is a result of lack of retrieval, not a loss of information.

Approach to the subject of my paper: Try to envision a logical way in which to present your material. In what order will you present your material to best address the issues? Will you have to define any terms? If so, which ones? Will you show opposing viewpoints? Will you be comparing and contrasting? Will you be categorizing some information? Are there examples you can use from your sources to make the paper more interesting?

Intended audience: Who would be interested in reading your paper?

Documentation Style: MLA (Modern Language Association)

Kinds of sources I will use and why they will benefit my paper: You need to have at least three other sources outside of your textbook. <u>Only one internet source allowed.</u>

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