

Proposal > Introduction Paragraph

DUE: Tuesday 11/04, in Turnitin.com before class

300-500 words, *no more than one page*.

The proposal displays what methods and materials you will utilize in order to reach a satisfactory conclusion in your paper. In this particular case, you are outlining the essential argument of your paper, showing the breakdown of your evidence. You should show the organization of your material and how you will use a comparison method with your two main subjects. You should also show what type of resolution your preliminary evidence has shown. In other words, show what deduction can be made from all the evidence you have gathered together.

From the University of Toronto web site (<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/specific-types-of-writing/academic-proposal>): An academic proposal is the first step in producing a thesis or major project. Its intent is to convince a supervisor or academic committee that your topic and approach are sound, so that you gain approval to proceed with the actual research. As well as indicating your plan of action, an academic proposal should show your theoretical positioning and your relationship to past work in the area.

Objectives:

This portion of the assignment is close to a **reading response**. Informal tones are fine at this stage. Personal pronouns are also acceptable. However, do avoid colloquial tones.

1. At this stage of your paper's development you should have gathered most of your articles and research. You have begun gathering notes and outlining the approach to your first drafts of the paper. Because of preliminary research, you have gained personal opinions regarding the material and have gained a closer understanding of the topic chosen. (*Organizational hint: You should begin preparing an annotated bibliography at this point as well.*)

Step one: In the proposal, be sure to mention one or two of the gathered articles that will be used as a resource in your paper.

- state the name of author with credentials and title of article
- state how you see the material being useful
- state if you see any flaws in their arguments

2. **Step two:** Discuss your own casual observations regarding the chosen topic.

- state what you see is a major comparison between the two works
- state what you see is a major difference between the two works

3. **Step three:** Using deductive analysis, create a general comment about the chosen topic.
 - in other words, add your observations with the critical evidence and **propose** a theory regarding the two pieces of literature
 - **hint** at the direction your paper will go, and if possible, suggest how you will conclude the document
 - show the general aim of your paper
4. **Step four:** Close the proposal with a basic outline which suggests your plan for the paper.

Outline General Proposal

- I. General Observation on Chosen Literature 1
 - A. personal point
 - B. researched critical point
- II. General Observation on Chosen Literature 2
 - A. personal point
 - B. researched critical point
- III. General Observation Chosen Literature 3
 - A. personal point
 - B. researched critical point
- IV. Concluding Deductive Point

In the end, this proposal will help you generate an introduction paragraph for your paper with an established thesis.