**Independent Book Project Proposal**

A Project proposal is a formal paragraph indicating what the academic will work on and if the university will give funding and a green light for research regarding that project. Usually this is when a person declares a thesis or dissertation for with a master’s or PhD.

You will be writing a formal proposal for the individual independent book reading project today.

**250-300 words maximum.**

Remember:

* Start with *why* your idea is worth doing (contribution to field), then fill in *how* (technicalities about topic and method).
* Give enough detail to establish feasibility, but not so much as to bore the reader.
* Show your ability to deal with possible problems or changes in focus.
* Show confidence and eagerness (use *I* or *we* and active verbs, concise style, positive phrasing).

Here are the steps that should be in your proposal:

Step 1: Define the problem

Step 2: Present your solution

Step 3: Define your success criteria (What’s the grade you’ll expect?)

Step 4: State your plan or approach

Step 5: Outline your project schedule

Step 6: Tie it all together

Step 7: Edit/proofread your proposal

Look at the different projects that are available. You can come up with your own if you are feeling adventurous. This proposal will give me an outline on what to expect from you when this is due next week. This will also give you, the student, a solid plan in which to follow through with.

This is due at the end of class today.

Projects Available

