**Professor name**

**ENG 151**

**Spring, 2019**

**Research Proposal**

??% of final grade

2 pages

**The Research Proposal**

In your research proposal you will state a research topic for the Analytical Research Essay and present a fully developed and refined research question that best fulfills the purpose of the assignment.

Your proposal should begin with a proper MLA heading. The paper should be titled Research Proposal.

**Paragraph 1:** In the first paragraph of your proposal, introduce your research paper topic and your guiding research question. This introduction should be designed to interest your reader in your topic. Please provide some background information that includes a historical or cultural context for your topic. Also, describe what you think at this point the main focus of the paper might be. Include a tentative thesis in this paragraph. The thesis should be a tentative answer to your research question. The reason that I've asked you to include a thesis at this early date is to encourage you to question/interrogate your subject from the very beginning of your writing, so you can approach it from a critical, analytical perspective.

**Paragraph 2:** In paragraph two address the “So What?” of your research. That is, why does what you are researching matter as more than an academic exercise? What is your personal connection to your research, if any? Why should your audience want to read it? Why does it matter?