**White Paper Instructions**

Based on the information and examples in your textbook and on Pilot, along with the lectures, create a white paper with the following requirements:

**Required Parts:**

* Cover Page
* Table of Contents
* Table of Figures
* Introduction
* Background of Problem
* Proposed Solution
* Defense of Solution
* Conclusion
* Any Appendices (may not be necessary)
* References (separate page)

**Specific Requirements for Main Parts of Paper:**

Introduction:

* Get the reader’s attention
* Orient the reader to the topic
* Deliver a thesis that mentions both the problem and the solution

Problem:

* Illustrate the problem with research
* Cover all the major aspects of the problem
* Show the implications/consequences of the problem
* Make the reader care about the problem

Solution:

* Your solution must be a well-thought-out, logical, detailed plan.
* Three options:
  + Original idea
  + Existing idea proposed on a larger scale
  + Combination of existing ideas

Defense:

* Show the benefits of the solution
* Prove the solution will work
* Address and refute/minimize counter points (objections)

Conclusion:

* Remind reader of seriousness of problem
* Remind reader of primary benefits
* Reiterate your thesis

**Additional Requirements:**

* Use MLA or APA format (do not mix formats)
* Length Requirement is 7-10 pages
* Must use at least 8 sources
* Must use at least two figures