

# Mini Research Paper Part 1: Proposal, Outline & Annotated Bibliography Rubric

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. PROPOSAL:

<b>Is the proposed mini-research paper a relevant and focused extension of the selected topic?</b>				
Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less than adequate*	Poor*
<b>TA may circle or select appropriate comments:</b>				
<b>Relevance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relevant, focused, on-topic</li> <li>Connection to the topic/issues in the course unclear</li> <li>Only tangentially related to course content/approved topic</li> <li>Unrelated to a given/approved topic</li> </ul>	<b>Scope:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate</li> <li>Too broad</li> <li>Too narrow</li> </ul>	<b>Expansion beyond given topic:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Goes beyond what was covered in class/ beyond the given research topic</li> <li>Doesn't extend beyond covered material/given topic</li> <li>Plan is too simplistic and may not require additional references to answer.</li> </ul>	<b>Critical thinking/originality:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows evidence of critical thinking</li> <li>Shows originality</li> <li>More evidence of critical thinking and/or originality needed</li> </ul>	
<b>How you can improve your research topic/plan (1 comment):</b>				
<b>Is the strategy for using the cited sources to answer the research question clearly outlined?</b>				
Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less than adequate*	Poor*
<b>Optional Comment:</b>				

## 2. OUTLINE:

<b>Have you included an outline that logically follows from your proposal?</b>	Yes	No
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## 3. ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY:

<b>Are your sources appropriate &amp; properly cited?</b>				
Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less than adequate*	Poor*
<b>Do annotations show that student has read and understood sources, and knows how each will contribute?</b>				
Excellent	Good	Adequate	Less than adequate*	Poor*
<b>Optional Comment:</b>				

**Note: When your TA returns your proposal/outline/annotated bibliography to you with this form, KEEP THESE DOCUMENTS. You MUST attach your proposal/outline/annotated bibliography and this form to your draft and final paper.**

*\*Consider seeking advice from instructor/TA*

**TA will tick this box if appropriate:**

- ☐ You are **strongly recommended** to consult with your TA/instructor in order to further refine or develop your research question/annotated bibliography before beginning on your paper.