

Anthropology 201, PQR, Fall 2023
Final Paper Proposal

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In the space below, please provide a brief description of your project. This proposal should contain the following information: **A discussion of the topic**, your **plan for your observations**, and **the tentative timeline** for the project.

Please **review the guidelines for the final paper for suggestions on the two broad topics**.

(1) Provide a brief discussion of the topic you will explore.

[Examples: TOPIC # 1: I intend to observe the Baboons via San Diego Zoo's Animal Live Cameras and explore the following topics: grooming; mother-infant relationships; and play activities among the infant baboons.

TOPIC#2: I plan to observe the following exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute: Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time, and after examining the range of artifacts displayed and exploring different aspects of material culture gathered from the Sahara Desert, discuss the trade networks involved in the exchange of these objects.]

(2) Describe your plan for conducting your zoo/museum observation.

[Examples: I have already checked the website of the zoo and plan to begin spending one hour on Saturday, Nov.12 observing the Baboons in the zoo

OR I have already checked the website of the museum and plan to observe the particular exhibit in the museum on Saturday, Nov. 12, etc.]

(3) What is your tentative timeline for conducting the project? Provide approximate dates for your observation, the organization of your notes, and writing and revising the paper.

[Example: Sun., Nov. 12: 1st/preliminary observation; Sat., Nov. 18: 2nd observation; Sat., Nov. 25: 1st draft; Sat., Dec. 2: second draft (revision); Tues., Dec. 5: final revision (proofreading); Wed., Dec. 6: Final draft ready to be submitted.]

(1) Topic Discussion:

I plan to observe the Western Lowland Gorillas at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, with a focus on their social behaviors and communication patterns within the troop. Gorillas are known for their intricate social structures and communication methods. By closely studying their interactions, I aim to gain insights into how these primates form bonds, communicate, and navigate their social environment.

(2) Plan for Zoo Observation:

I have thoroughly reviewed the Lincoln Park Zoo website and plan to commence my observations on Thursday, November 16, 2023. I will spend two hours each on two consecutive Thursdays to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the gorillas' behavior. The observation sessions will be conducted at different times of the day to capture a range of activities and social interactions. I will focus on specific behaviors such as vocalizations, body language, group dynamics, and interactions within the troop.

(3) Tentative Timeline:

Thu., Nov. 16, 2023: Preliminary observation (2 hours)

Mon., Nov. 20, 2023: Second observation (2 hours)

Tues., Nov. 21, 2023: Organize and analyze notes, identify patterns and key observations

Thu., Nov. 23, 2023: Start drafting the paper, outlining key findings and structuring the content

Sat., Nov. 25, 2023: Continue refining the draft, incorporating additional literature and theoretical frameworks

Wed., Nov. 29, 2023: Conduct final review and revisions

Mon., Dec. 4, 2023: Proofreading and final edits

Wed., Dec. 6, 2023: Final draft ready for submission