

ORAL REPORT ON RESEARCH PROPOSAL

ASSIGNMENT

You will present your research proposal (i.e., your research design) to the class on either **November 30 or December 7**. You will have about **15 minutes** in which to present your proposal and take questions. Here is a suggestion for organizing your talk:

1. **Background:** Briefly explain how you became interested in your research problem/question(s) (2-3 minutes).
2. **The Gap:** Provide a highly truncated version of your review of literature to show the gap in the scholarship that your proposed study is meant to fill. Do not try to cover every source you reviewed; rather concentrate on the few that helped you see there was a gap. (3-5 minutes)
3. **Your Proposed Study:** Describe the study you designed to fill the gap in scholarship (provide your research question(s) if you haven't already done so at the beginning.) Explain the method(s) you settled on: the data (people, artifacts, texts, environment, etc.) you propose to collect, how you propose to collect the data, and your intended method(s) of analysis. If you have designed a questionnaire, a rubric, a task, or some other instrument for collecting data, share a copy with the class. Your description of your research design should make clear its doability. Be sure then to indicate the significance and contribution of your study. (7-10 minutes)
4. **Q and A:** Be prepared to entertain questions on any aspect of your proposed study. (Limited by time left in your presentation.)

Suggestion: treat this as you would any presentation: limit your talk to 10-15 minutes (6 pages=15 minutes), structure it so that your audience can follow it (tell 'em what you're going to do and do it), and practice, practice, practice.