Your Name

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CMU ENG 111

Due Date

**Title:**

*Don’t get too cute or creative here. You should have a short but descriptive title that gives readers a firm idea of the problem you will be investigating*.

**Aims of Research:**

*Assert the overall purpose and significance of the proposed project. (After you’ve drafted your full proposal, return to this section to refine it in light of all you’ve learned along the way.)*

*Length: 1 succinct paragraph.*

**Context (Background and Literature Review):**

**Background:**

*Provide a compelling narrative of the problem. In so doing, you should answer the following questions: 1) Why is the project worth doing 2) What problem does it solve 3) Who does it affect 4) Why should people care?*

**Literature Review:**

*Once you’ve established the background, you will look at what other people have said on the topic. This is where you will use your sources from your annotated bibliography to explain how your research led you to approach the problem in the way you have done so. Look at what has been agreed upon by your sources. You should have direct quotations from ALL of the sources listed in your annotated bibliography.*

*Length: the background and lit review combined will make 3-5 paragraphs*

**Research Problem:**

*You should have your primary research question followed by any secondary questions (at least two). Feel free to make a bulleted list, but make it obvious which is your primary and which are your secondaries.*

*Length: List with at least 3 bullet points*

**Outline of Methods:**

*What methods will you try to use to answer your question? What data will you collect? How will you collect it? How will you limit your focus? What will you do first, second, etc.?*

*Length: 1-2 paragraphs*

**Possible Outcomes:**

*Theoretically, what could be the potential discoveries or solutions to your problem? What might you know after researching that you didn’t know before? What additional questions might this raise? You should have 2-3 potential outcomes.*

*If you are doing a project that is heavily scientific, you can choose a different route for this section. Instead of looking at possible outcomes, you can explain how you will analyze the data you’ve collected.*

*Length: 2 paragraphs*

**Annotated Bibliography:**

Works Cited

*You should have four relevant sources here. They should be the same ones you used for you literature review above. You will include the appropriate source citation followed by an annotated bibliography entry. All sources should be alphabetical!*

*Length: 4 entries and 2 paragraphs per entry (8 paragraphs total)*