

Paper 3: Proposal Essay

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- Assignment: Select a *public* occurrence (on the international, national, state, city, or campus level) that you see as a problem. Examples of possible topics would include overspending in the state government, litter in downtown Fort Wayne, or lack of adequate parking on the south side of campus. Thoroughly define the problem as you see it; make sure to include what the problem is, when it occurs or has been occurring, where it occurs, how it occurs, and why it occurs. Using what you know about the problem and outside sources, propose a possible solution for the problem and how that solution will be implemented. Support any actions that you would take with sound reasons.
- Purpose: To move into a more academic oriented writing style while practicing reasoning and argumentative skills at a familiar level. The goal of this paper is to apply a writing style to a very real setting and familiarize students with conventional academic formats.
- Requirements: Four pages minimum. The audience addressed in this essay will vary depending on the subject but is most likely the body governing the area where the problem is occurring (for example, if you choose littering in downtown Fort Wayne, your audience may be the Fort Wayne City Council). Voice, style, and form should be appropriate to your audience. You will need to conduct at least one interview of someone directly related to the issue (more on this in class). It is also recommended that you conduct other minimal research for this paper.
DUE 3/20 FOR PEER REVIEW.