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Research Proposal for an MA Thesis

On the Topic

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1. Topic

[Specify (1) the subject of your research, (2) the main primary sources on which you plan to focus and their relevance to pursuing it, and (3) your theoretical, historical, or socio-cultural approach. **Suggested length: one double-spaced page.**]

2. Background

[Provide an overview of previous research on your chosen topic with special emphasis on recent publications. What major approaches characterize this field? What critics or thinkers have played a central role in shaping it? What light have they shed on the issues with which your thesis is concerned? What are the blind spots, implicit assumptions, or disadvantages of their arguments or methods? How do you propose to redress them? **Suggested length: up to three double-spaced pages.**]

3. Research Questions

[Formulate your main research question and then break it down into three or four subsidiary questions. Explain how they help you add to, revise, or reorient the studies discussed in the above section. **Suggested length: one double-spaced page.**]

4. Preliminary Results

[Indicate the answers to the questions listed in the previous section conceivable at this stage of your research. Conclude by stating your main argument or hypothesis based on these answers. **Suggested length: one double-spaced page.**]

5. Structure

[An outline consisting of tentative chapter titles and their subdivisions. **Suggested length: half a page.**]

6. Bibliography

Primary Sources

Secondary Sources

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