

Choosing a Topic

Narrow down your final choice

Look again at the lists of paper topics and project options. Choosing one of the pairings from the previous pages, try to answer the questions below. If you can't answer the questions, this may not be the best choice for a topic. Try again with a different topic.

Where could I find a local mentor for this project? _____

Which of the 4 tracts does this project satisfy and **how?**

Now take a look at the available research on your topic. Check out Lili.org, search Google, search Google Scholar.

Find two research sources dealing with this controversial issue and write an MLA citation for each below.

1.

2.

3.

Based on the initial sources that you found, what would be a potential thesis (claim) for your paper? (You don't need academic language here... "video games are good for kids" is fine.)

Two Potential Subtopics: (evidence-based reasons your thesis {claim} is true. Use your research here to come up with ideas.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

One Counter Argument: (Find a hater or a piece of research that goes against your position and write what they say about your topic.)

Great! If you could fill out the above sheet, you probably have a good option for your senior project and senior paper.

Formal Proposal

Type your proposal in MA format using formal standard English. Your proposal should be about 400 – 500 words. Your proposal should cover the following:

- a. What you intend to do for your paper
- b. Your intended thesis (claim statement)
- c. A few articles that you have already found – what they are about and why they might be helpful
- d. What you intend to do for your project
- e. Where you will find a mentor
- f. Whether or not your mentor has confirmed
- g. What the connection is between your paper and your project

Due Date: _____