

# English B1a – Expository Writing

## Research Paper: Research Proposal

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Your research proposal is your opportunity to narrow down your research to a specific, guiding research question and focus. Once you have chosen your topic from the assignment topic list, you should consider doing some basic preliminary research, using Google or Wikipedia or a general encyclopedia, to get a broad idea of what directions exist and what interests you.

**Research Focus:** The Individual in Society

Your proposal should provide the following information in a **well-developed, 8-10 sentence paragraph**.

- Identify your topic
  - Who or what is the focus of your research paper?
- How did you chose your topic
  - What preliminary research did you do? Did you look at encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines, book reviews, Internet, etc.? Be specific as to which sources you used.
- Identify how you will conduct your research.
  - Where will you focus your research? e.g. library, electronic databases, books, journals, etc. Remember to be specific.

**IMPORTANT:** This is a college level research paper; therefore, all **research must be conducted at a college library**, and Bakersfield College has good research materials.

**Length:** 1 page, typed, MLA format

**Grading:** Your proposal will be graded on adherence to the assignment and to organization.

**Due:** (See the research paper assignment for the due date)