

Graphic Organizer: English III: Module 1: Lesson 1: Writing a Topic Proposal

1. Read the assignment. State your thesis and paraphrase any references to quoted material in the assignment.



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2. Think about the assignment and decide on subtopics. (For the purpose of this model, try to think of three.)



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3. Show that you have a position. Start writing your proposal with a statement of your thesis.



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4. Show that you know the context of this issue. Give some background that will answer the question "Who cares?" (Perhaps also answer the questions "Who is Gandhi?" and "What did Gandhi mean when he wrote this?")



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5. Show that you have a plan by giving a description of the parts of your essay: address the content and how that content will be presented.



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6. Show the broader significance. Give your vision of your essay's desired effect on the reader.



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