

Please write a 600 word description (roughly 1.5 pages double-spaced) of your proposed research topic.

Alternatively, you can submit a *video*, of no less than 5 minutes. Obviously, such a video can include snippets from sources on the internet, interviews, etc.

While this exercise can be rather free-form, one suggested roadmap is the following.

1. Question: please state the topic of your proposed paper in *one sentence*, which cannot be more than 20 words long.
2. Give some motivation and background for your question. Why is it interesting? Is it controversial, or has it been in the news recently? This should be about half a page.
3. Describe your research plan. This can include:
 - (a) Background readings and sources: describe and/or list these sources. Preferred sources are research papers and books.
 - (b) Data gathering: if your research involves observations and measurements of an empirical phenomenon, describe how you plan to gather your data. (eg. taking down gasoline prices on a daily basis, noting grocery prices every evening, etc.)
 - (c) Model or hypothesis formulation: if your research involves testing a particular hypothesis, or building a particular model, to explain some phenomenon, describe the model or hypothesis.