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Paper Assignment

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Paper Assignment:

The paper assignment is due in stages. All of them are important. The paper assignment, as a whole, is worth 15% of your total grade.

Part One: Proposal

Your proposal is due on September 25th at 5:00pm. The proposal will be reviewed by the instructor and the peer tutor, and will be returned with comments on September 28.

The proposal should include:

- The research question or topic
- A preliminary list of resources
- A basic outline of the paper
- A brief discussion of questions/problems/difficulties that you anticipate encountering during the course of working on the paper and how you plan to solve them

Part Two: First Draft

The first draft of your paper is due on the day of the peer-edit session, October 5th. The first draft is the first draft of **the entire paper**. The paper is to be no more than 10 pages long, double-spaced, 12 point Calibri font. All citations are to be in APA style.

Part Three: Peer-Evaluation

Peer evaluation will take place on the day that the first draft of the paper is due. Students will evaluate each other's papers via a rubric, created via an activity with the aid of the peer tutor and instructor. Participating in the peer-evaluation is extremely important. Do not miss class this day unless dire circumstances arise.

Part Four: Final Draft

The final draft of the paper is due on October 17th (by 5:00pm) along with all of the other parts/materials. The final draft of the paper will be evaluated by the instructor via a rubric that will be made available to students.

Part Five: Reflection

The reflection paper is also due on October 17th. The reflection should be no more than 4 pages long (separate from the 10 page paper) and should address the following questions:

- Why do you think the assignment was constructed in steps?
- Was working in steps helpful for you? Why or why not?
- Do you usually write papers in this way? Why or why not?
- What were some points of improvement that came from the peer-edit process?
- What did you learn about yourself as a writer after having finished the assignment?