

English 1113: Paper Proposal

You must complete all six questions for full credit (40 points). Each question's point value is listed in parenthesis after the question. DUE: End of class today.

1. **Determine your position for this issue and state it in a sentence. (5)**
Example: I think someone convicted of a crime years ago before DNA testing was available has the right to that technology today to prove innocence.
2. **Take your position statement and re-state it as an argumentative thesis that clearly takes a position on the issue. (5)**
Example: The courts should clarify the law and allow convicted prisoners access to DNA testing in cases that pre-date this technology.
3. **State one major reason to support your thesis (topic sentence). (5)**
Example: The basic rights of due process dictate that the law should do everything possible to determine guilt beyond doubt.
4. **Repeat steps 3-4 and find at least two other reasons (topic sentences) to support your thesis in the form of because clauses. (10)**
 - a. Topic Sentence 2:

 - b. Topic Sentence 3:
5. **Explain a major opposition to your position (counterargument). (5)**
Example: Giving prisoners access to DNA testing would increase frivolous requests that would only bog down the system and prolong justice.
6. **Write a short paragraph that explains the following: (10)**
 - a. Your purpose – what do you want to happen as a result of someone reading this?
 - b. Your intended audience
 - c. Your reasons for choosing this topic (how does it connect to your own life)