



Honors Contract Proposal Checklist

CRITERIA	Check if Done
Proposal is 250-200 words	
Topic has depth, breadth, and critical thinking but fits the scope of a semester long project (e.g. it is feasible within a semester)	
Rationale for researching the topic is clear	
Includes a research question that is neutral (non-leading or biased), focused, complex, and compelling	
Has clear description of method (how you will answer your research question)	
Describes method including academic sources, primary sources, and/or instruments such as questionnaire, survey, polls, interviews, focus groups, observation, analysis, experiments, or other	
Has evidence of critical thinking (e.g. is not just informational)	
Uses language and content that is comprehensible to a broader audience	
Is edited for grammar and mechanics	
Lists some possible sources (optional)	
Includes Interim due dates (Example: outline, rough draft, and final paper due dates) in 200 words or less	

Last but not least: Make sure your Honors Contract Professor has approved of your proposal!