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Paper topic proposal assignment template with some instructions

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* Download and save this document to your computer.
* Do a “save as” and give it a helpful filename.   
  e.g., STUDENTNAME PaperTopicAssign 2024-xx-xx (use current date)

e.g. Smith John PaperTopicAssign 2024-8-12.docx

* Use this document as a template to build your assignment.
* Follow more detailed instructions as laid out in class and these pages:
  + <https://johnbandler.com/paper-topic-assignment/>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/paper-topic-ideas/>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-project/>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/helpful-legal-links/>
* Put in effort, have some fun, learn through the process.
* Confused or questions? Ask in class, email me prior, or include at the end with your submission. Above all, do your best, remember the goal of this assignment is your effort and learning.
* Leave bolded placeholders and questions in place
* Delete italicized instructions below before submitting.
* Delete these instructions prior to submitting.

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**Paper topic assignment**

STUDENT NAME

SUBMISSION DATE

COURSE NUMBER

**Proposed title**

*A wonderful, crisp title that informs the reader about what the paper is about.*

*Be clear and direct. Communicate clearly.*

*Topic needs to be relevant to the course.*

*Don’t be overly clever or cute. You do not need a “hook”.*

**A single paragraph summarizing your proposed paper**

*A paragraph of no more than 250 words that is crisp, well proofread and edited, and gives more information to the reader about what the paper is about.*

*This can eventually become your first introductory paragraph for the paper.*

*Introduce and summarize your paper and what it will cover.*

*Do not introduce or summarize broad concepts, such as the Internet, cybercrime, etc.*

*A well-researched and thoughtful summary allows for good feedback.*

*Be clear and direct. You do not need a “hook”.*

**References:** **List the references you have reviewed thus far**

*List the references you have reviewed and researched.*

*Always start your research with the materials on our syllabus!*

*Then expand your research from there.*

*Don’t worry about citation form yet, but provide enough information so I can find it, including title, author, publication, page number (if book), webpage address (URL)*

*Read what you have listed**, or specifically indicate if you have not read them yet.*

*Start with anything relevant listed on the syllabus, including coursebook and articles*

*Research the law: List relevant laws, regulations, or cases.*

*Your paper is about law (or touches on law), so you need to identify those laws.*

**Student reflection, comments and questions**

**Answer these prompts, spending at least a few minutes on each.**

**1. List any and all consultations with the school library, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.**

**2. List any and all consultations with the school writing center, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.**

**3. How did this submission go for you, and how has the overall process gone for you thus far? Any comments or questions?**

**4. Did you read the instructions at** [**https://johnbandler.com/paper-topic-assignment/**](https://johnbandler.com/paper-topic-assignment/) **and did it help?**

**5. Did you watch the instruction video found at the bottom of that webpage and did it help?**