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Framing a Research Proposal

A research proposal is a short paragraph that identifies the essential ingredients of your work:

1. The purpose of the paper.
2. The intended audience.
3. Your role as a research writer.
4. The thesis sentence.

Example:

It saddens me to know that mass murders have taken place in Rwanda because certain individuals deemed themselves to be the judge, jury, and executioner of people less fortunate. My role is to explain to my classmates and my teacher the definition and stages of genocide, how those stages were used against the Tutsis (target group), and the consequences of that genocide. I will defend this thesis: The genocide of Rwanda, driven by the paranoia of the Hutu government, was based on the belief that the Tutsis had collaborated together to riot against the government to regain power, and therefore, did not deserve the right to live.

Topic _____

Research Proposal: