

Steps of the Research Proposal in Applied Linguistics, Civilisation, and Literature

I-Applied Linguistics (APA)

Introduction

1. Review of Literature
2. Statement of the Problem
3. Research Questions
4. Aims of the Study
5. Research Hypothesis
6. Research Methodology and Design
 - 6.1. Research Method
 - 6.2. Population of the Study
 - 6.3. Research tools
7. Structure of the Dissertation

Conclusion

References

II-Civilisation (MLA)

Introduction

1. Literature Review
2. Significance of the Study (why is it important to investigate the problem?)
3. Aims/purpose of the Study
4. Research Questions
5. Methodology
6. Primary and Secondary Sources
7. Tentative/Preliminary Outline/Plan

Conclusion

Works Cited

-**Primary sources:** original sources created *at the time* historical events occurred. e.g. letters, diaries, memoirs, newspapers, manuscripts, media reports, interviews, speeches, government official documents, photographs, audio/video recordings, biographies, artifacts like works of art, buildings, tools, weapons...;

-**Secondary sources:** books, journal articles, conference papers, dictionaries, essays, textbooks, book reviews, movie reviews, PhD dissertations, newspapers...etc.

-**Note:** concerning newspapers, they can be either primary or secondary sources. For example, if the article's content is original and/or first-hand account of 9-11 (current/recent event), then it is primary source. If the article describes 9-11 as a past event, then it is a secondary source.

III-Literature (MLA)

Introduction

1. Statement of the Problem
2. Scope of the research/Aims of the Study
3. Methodology
4. Literature Review
5. Preliminary Plan

Conclusion

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