

Final Project Part One: Primary Research and Proposal

Throughout your college career, you will be asked to conduct different kinds of research for different purposes. Many times, this research will be limited to secondary kinds of research: looking up a topic using a library database or searching for articles that pertain to your research subject. Sometimes, however, you will be asked to conduct primary research... “sometimes” including this time.

We have been discussing Mike Rose’s *The Mind at Work* and the ways in which Rose reconsiders certain kinds of jobs by viewing them through different **critical lenses**. For your final project, you will be considering a particular job or career from multiple critical lenses, but before you can apply these critical lenses, you first have to have a subject to consider.

For the first part of this Final Project, you will be **conducting primary research** by **studying a specific workplace**. You can conduct your research through **observation, interviews, surveys**, or a combination of any of these three methods. Before you can begin conducting research, however, you need to prepare a **200 - 300 word research proposal**.

Your research proposal should specify the workplace you plan to study, explain the reasons why you have chosen this particular workplace, describe your planned methods of data collection, and discuss a potential timeline for implementing your plans. If your research plans include interviews or surveys, you should also include a rough draft of any questions you plan to ask. We will be workshoping these questions together in class.

DUE DATE:	
Tuesday, November 4th	Final Research Proposal DUE Rough Draft of Interview/Survey Questions DUE