

Peer Review: Critiquing the Research Proposal

Directions: As you share your proposal with the members of your literature circle, remember that you are all trying to accomplish the same task—to identify a controversial issue, explain why the subject interests you, and develop focus questions to guide your research. Work together as a group to give feedback by addressing the following questions:

1. What is the issue that the researcher proposes to investigate?
2. Is the issue genuinely controversial? Why or why not?
3. Why has the researcher chosen this issue for further investigation?
4. How do the focus questions indicate the complexity of the issue?
5. Do the focus questions include key words relevant to the central issue?
Are the focus questions precisely stated?
6. What other focus questions might be included?
7. What suggestions for revision do you have for the researcher?