❑Approved and filed ☺ (Keep for your records)	❑ Revise and Resubmit ASAP (see comments in your draft proposal)
❑Approved *with conditions* (see notes below)	❑Schedule a conference with Ms. Rust and Ms. Hamilton

Research Design Proposal
Ms. Rust, Fall 2014

Introduction

A "research design" jump-starts your project and gets you thinking about your topic in a concentrated way. Your **pre-search work** of the last few days should inform the content that will go into this proposal. The research design must be typed and may be single-spaced or double-spaced using the electronic template we will provide you.

Structure of the Proposal

Research Paper Topic

Share your research topic statement that has been narrowed and focused.

What I Know about the Topic at This Point and Why I'm Interested in This Topic

Complete a paragraph of 6-10 sentences explaining what you've learned at this point through your pre-search about your topic and why you are interested in this topic.

What I Want To Learn

In a paragraph of 5-8 sentences, briefly describe what you hope to learn through your research.

My Initial List of Questions I Have About My Topic

You should identify at least seven (7) questions you have generated as a result of your pre-search; most of these will probably come from your KWLs and/or mindmap. You may also add additional questions that you want to explore that have come from your reading but may not have made it onto the KWL or mindmap. Please create your list of questions as a numbered list.

Next Steps Research Plan

1. Identify which resources (print materials, digital information sources, and databases) seem the most promising right now. You can number these from your Easy Bib list.
2. What additional sources do you need to use or go deeper with?
3. What questions should you explore?
4. What search terms do you think you should try next?
5. What help, instruction, and/or mini-lessons might you need from Ms. Hamilton and/or Ms. Rust with your searching?