

Mused 501 Final Project Guidelines

The purpose of this paper is to give you the opportunity to explore in depth an area of research of personal interest to you. For this paper, I would expect you to explore sources outside those provided in class, particularly primary sources (research studies) to support your ideas.

Format: Maximum 5-7 pages (excluding references), double-spaced typed, Times 12 point with 1 inch margins. APA (Quantitative/Qualitative) or Chicago style (Qualitative) for citations and references.

The focus of the paper is a review of relevant literature leading to a research proposal. The format of the paper might look like this:

TITLE

INTRODUCTION

- Lay out the problem area you've chosen and it's importance to music education.
- Define any terms or concepts that might be new to music educators or are different in the context of your study.
- Summarize the focus of your interest and the organization of your proposal.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- Write a paragraph that summarizes the focus of your interest and lays out the organization of the literature review.
- For each area of the literature review there should be a subhead that describes its focus.
- Within each subhead work from general to specific descriptions of studies and end with a brief summary.
- For this section work from research that is less related to research most directly related to your question.
- Don't just describe the studies INTERPRET their meaning and importance.
- At the end of this section, summarize your points from the literature review and how they relate to your proposed study. This culminates in:

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR HYPOTHESES

REFERENCES – All studies cited in the text must be referenced in APA or Chicago style.

At this point you're done, but you could include methodological ideas if you wanted to.

Grading Your grade will be based 75% on the depth and quality of your literature review and 25% on writing style. I will be happy to discuss potential topics or review drafts.