

Your Name

English 102

Instructor

Date Due

Research Paper Proposal

As a student at GSBC, I have observed that many of my peers drop their courses often. I have always wondered what makes them drop their courses quite readily at the sign of the slightest challenge from the course work or the instructor. I propose to find out what makes my peers drop their courses and waste their time and money. I will apply my research findings to myself in order to not be like many of my peers who disappear from class before the semester is completed.

My tentative **Research Questions** are the following: *What are my peers' reasons for dropping their courses often, aside from the obvious ones like getting sick or having something to do with work or health or personal related issues? Why are they unprepared for college work? How can they be helped? What should high school teachers, school administrators, parents, and political leaders do to prepare high school students for the rigor and demand of college work?*

My tentative **Thesis Statement** is: *High school students must be well-prepared to tackle college level work before graduating to avoid dropping their courses once they begin their college academic careers.*

My **Research Strategy** to arrive at definitive answers to my research questions includes the following steps:

A. I will talk to my classmates and teachers for information about my research questions. I will ask my teachers and our librarian questions to find out if they can refer me to sources of information, people to talk to, and places to go in search of answers to my research questions.

B. I will gather information using our library's print resources. I will also visit my community library for information.

C. I will interview my former instructors in high school and current instructors at GSBC for information.

D. I will conduct a survey of our students and students at my former high school to find out what makes them drop their courses at the slightest challenge from the course work or the instructor.

E. I will work with my instructor to make sure that I am on the right track. I will ask questions and seek advice when necessary.