

Assignment: Research Proposal

Please bring your proposal draft to the meetings with the librarian and the tutor in the Writing Center

Final version due Monday, Oct 5, 4pm on Moodle (late assignments will not be accepted)

Learning Objectives:

- to formulate a working research question into a thesis
- to identify the supporting arguments of the thesis that will be addressed
- to create a rough outline for your research paper
- to generate a list of secondary sources

Assignment Description: The research proposal is a short narrative about your plan for the research paper. Consider it being a rough outline of the paper. The outline must address the following:

1. Your research question(s)
2. Your research thesis
3. A bulleted list of 3-4 supporting arguments (hypothetical answers to your research questions) in full sentences.
4. An explanation how your chosen Andersen's tale(s) fits into your research of the chosen issue
5. A Works Cited list (MLA-style) of scholarly articles, books and other secondary sources on:
 - a. how your issue is raised in the contemporary society
 - b. how your issue was addressed in the Danish society during Andersen's lifetime
 - c. on the chosen tale(s)

Acceptable types of secondary sources: published or electronic journal articles that are at least 3 pages in length, printed or electronic books (at least one must be copyrighted after 2000), lectures, published proceedings of a conference, newspaper or magazine articles, and websites (consult with the instructor about their credibility before you decide to use them). Journal articles and books should comprise at least 50% of all your secondary sources.

Assignment length and requirements: 1-2 pages long (250-500 words), please indicate your name, the assignment title and the date on the top left corner of your paper.

Grading:

- The research question(s) is clear and specific (not too general and not too narrow)
- Thesis includes a debatable assertion

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- Thesis clearly formulates the paper's subject and hints at corresponding structure
- The supporting arguments logically align to the thesis
- The connection to Andersen's fairy tale is clear, logical and relevant
- The secondary sources are relevant and scholarly
- Correct MLA-citation of the sources

The assignment score x15

13-15	Mostly plus scores; strong performance in all areas
10-12	Mostly check-plus scores; room for improvement in a few areas
6-9	Mostly check scores; work is OK but could be improved in most areas
0-5	Low scores in several areas