

## How to Write a Prospectus for Your Research Paper

A prospectus is a statement that prepares you to write your research essay. It helps you to begin thinking about your paper and allows for me to give you suggestions on how to further develop the ideas and resources you will use to establish your research. You will write a 2 page prospectus based on the references I provided, but you must have specific components in it:

In your prospectus, you need to contain 4 themes you have gathered from Coates' work, a question, and the answer to the question, which is your thesis of the paper.

In the introduction, you must come up with your own question you are going to answer based on the information you have gathered from Coates text and the additional reading to write your prospectus that will lead to your research paper: Also, have the answer to your question in the prospectus; put it in bold. That answer is your thesis.

In the 1st body paragraph, write how you will include Coates's work in your essay. Make sure to have the title of his book italicized. Then, explain how you will use his writing in your research essay.

In the 2nd body paragraph, include one of writers from the references I suggest you use. Make sure to include the title of the reading and how you will use the text in your work.

In the 3rd body paragraph, include one of the second writers from the references I suggest you use. Make sure to include the title of the reading and how you will use the text in your work.

In the 4th body paragraph, include one of the third writers from the references I suggest you use. Make sure to include the title of the reading and how you will use the text in your work.

In your conclusion, restate your introduction: write what 4 themes you will write on, why those themes are important and how those themes will help you answer your question. Make sure write your question and bold your thesis.

The prospectus must have a bibliography. A bibliography establishes the relevant sources you will use to write the paper. There will be a total of 4 resources, 1 of them is Coates, the others are the ones I suggested you research either on google scholar or the library database. This bibliography must have an MLA format, which includes a hanging