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The Prospectus

A prospectus is a proposal to undertake a research project. It is a statement that briefly describes your research question, the materials you are using for your research and in your paper ie: graphs, charts, pictures, etc., and methods including books, articles, journals, etc. you will be using for your research (as well as classes of argument, persuasive devices, etc, and how you will employ these devices). A prospectus indicates how your research project fits the criteria for the assignment. The prospectus should be 300-500 words and will include the following:

- A clear, concise introduction to your topic.
- A statement of the main research question(s) you are striving to answer.
- A summary of the basic arguments that surround the research topic.
- A list of the basic research materials; which will be included in your working bibliography. For the purposes of this assignment, you should describe some of your most critical sources while indicating there is a complete list of all of your current sources in an attached working bibliography.
- The prospectus usually does not include the researcher's thesis, except as the basis for the research questions. Your Toulmin schema will have your thesis (Enthymeme).