

HIST 467
Prospectus and Sources Assignment

On **Thursday October 17th**, your three-page research prospectus is due in class.

A research prospectus is a scheme or narrative outline of the research you are currently pursuing. It should present your major argument (your thesis) that you intend to defend, and then describe how you will put that argument into place throughout your project. You will want to end your discussion with the ramifications (importance, significance, the “so what?”) of your work.

Another way to look at this is from my perspective: I want to know that you have narrowed your project, formulated your goals, and are at the point of undertaking the project. Thus, the assignment 1) will demonstrate that you are on your way, 2) will allow me to analyze your approach and make certain that you are not missing important material, and 3) enable me to focus minutely on your writing and organization. Thus, it can be viewed as a short rough draft of your final product, something I can critique, give back to you, and have you incorporate into your final project.

In addition to a three-page narrative, you will also need to include the sources you are using for the project. This should include:

- a) a list of the research databases that you are using to research your topic.
- b) a list of **PRIMARY** sources you are using in your research.
- c) a list of **SECONDARY** source materials on your given topic.
- d) a list of articles or books that you have requested/received through interlibrary loan.