Research Paper Proposal

Description

The objective of this assignment is to get you to begin thinking about your research paper topic. This will also give me an idea of where you are in the process so that I can better help you make changes or find sources as needed.

Directions

Please answer the following questions in a Word document (.doc or .docx) and upload them to the appropriate Blackboard Dropbox using the “Attach File” method.

Topic

Broadly speaking, what is the topic of your research paper? This could be chronological (ex: The Old Kingdom) or thematic (ex: Religion).

Thesis / Focus

This is where you narrow down your topic. You don’t need a fully fleshed out thesis statement yet, but I need to know what kind of take you are going to have on your topic. An example of the difference between topic and theme:

- Topic = The Amarna Period
- Theme = How the people of Amarna kept their religious traditions, despite the official changes made by the king.

Objects:

Please provide the following information about all four (4) objects you will be working with for your paper.

- Title
- Date
- Medium
- Repository (i.e. what museum is it currently in?)
Working Bibliography: Please list at least four (4) sources that you will be using in your research paper. You may use any citation style that is most comfortable to you, but please identify it and be consistent. Additionally, please annotate your bibliography citations with a brief sentence explaining what you will be learning from that particular source.

Questions: Did you run into any problems in starting your research? Do you have any questions for me regarding your topic or finding sources?