

21H.237  
**The City of Athens**

Topic Proposal

**Your topic proposal should include the following FIVE elements:**

- 1) A descriptive statement of your TOPIC
  - a. "I will study..."
  - b. One paragraph.
  
- 2) Explanation of your CONCEPTUAL QUESTION
  - a. "Because I want to find out what/why/how..."
  - b. At least one paragraph.
  
- 3) Explication of the CONCEPTUAL SIGNIFICANCE of your topic
  - a. "In order to help readers understand whether..."
  - b. I.e. an answer to the question "So what?" or "Why should I care?"
  - c. At least one paragraph.
  
- 4) Provisional OUTLINE
  - a. Indicating topics you plan to cover
  - b. Indicating as fully as possible the ancient sources relevant to each topic
  - c. At least two pages.
  
- 5) Annotated BIBLIOGRAPHY
  - a. At least five modern works (a total of ten is a good target)
  - b. Your assessment of what each work will contribute to your study
  - c. One or two sentences for each item

**Assessment Criteria:**

- Is the project viable?
- Is the project interesting? (Is the question critically minded and sufficiently probing?)
- Does the proposal reflect a rigorous effort to find relevant scholarly bibliography?
- Is the proposal well written and generally polished?

**Submission Details**

- The Topic Proposal is due by session 16.

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