**Conference Proposal (Feeder)**

**250 Words**

**Due 03/14**

The first step in writing a paper for a conference is often finding a call for papers, and writing a proposal. In this case, the proposal genre works to give the conference planners an idea of what your paper would look like if were they to accept your topic for a presentation. Some calls for papers even refer to proposals as abstracts.

Your proposal should include some background on your topic as well as what you plan to argue (your working thesis statement). Since you are writing this proposal, prior to writing your paper, your thesis might change, but your overall topic and main idea must remain the same. Keep in mind that calls for papers are often very specific and your audience will be at least somewhat knowledgeable on your topic.

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|  | **High Proficiency** | **Proficient** | **Some Proficiency** | **No/Limited Proficiency** | **Points**  **Awarded** |
| **Position:** Do you have a clear and focused thesis? Does the topic fit the CFP? | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |  |
| **Examples for support:** Do you include enough background information on your thesis that your audience can understand it? | 2 | 1 |  | 0 |  |
| **Explanations of examples of support**: Do you explain why your topic is important based on the examples you give? | 2 | 1 |  | 0 |  |
| **Organization:** Is your proposal logically organized? Does it move through the information thoroughly and concisely, remaining within 250 words? | 2 | 1 |  | 0 |  |
| **Surface level writing:** Are there grammatical errors, are sentences too wordy, is the syntax clear, is the spelling correct? Do you follow genre conventions? | 1 |  |  | 0 |  |
| **Total Points** | | | | | **10** |