Criteria	Excellent (~A)	Most Expectations (~B)	Some Expectations (~C)	Below Expectations (~D)
Title 1 pt	 Title is creative, descriptive, and informative 	 Title represents the project well 	• Title poorly explains or has little to do with the proposal	 Title is uninformative and distracting
Intro 3 pts	 Hypothesis is effectively explained Introduction is captivating and encourages further reading Introduction effectively outlines the proposal 	 Hypothesis is well explained Introduction is interesting and encourages further reading Introduction outlines the proposal well 	 Hypothesis is poorly explained Introduction is uninspiring Introduction poorly outlines the proposal 	 Hypothesis is not explained Introduction is disorganized and incoherent Introduction does not outline the proposal
Body 6 pts	 Body paragraphs are exciting and effectively presented The temporal and geographic context of the proposal is effectively presented Research team carefully chosen and roles effectively explained Project details are explicit and allow for critical evaluation The type(s) of data collected are thoroughly explained 	 Body paragraphs are well presented The temporal and geographic context of the proposal is well presented Research team chosen well and roles are well explained Project details are sufficient to allow for critical evaluation Methods are well explained The type(s) of data collected are well explained 	 Body paragraphs are poorly presented The temporal and geographic context of the proposal is poorly presented Research team roles not well explained Project details are insufficient to allow for critical evaluation Methods are poorly explained The type(s) of data collected are poorly explained 	 Body paragraphs are disorganized and incoherent The temporal and geographic context of the proposal is not presented Research team cannot be expected to undertake the proposed project. Project details are lacking to allow for critical evaluation Methods are not explained The type(s) of data collected are not explained
Conclusion 3 pts	 Research hypothesis is creatively summarized Expected outcomes are effectively expressed Broader context of research proposal is clearly and realistically presented 	 Research goals/hypotheses are well summarized Expected outcomes are well expressed Broader context of research proposal is well presented 	 Research goals/hypotheses are summarized Expected outcomes are expressed Broader context of research proposal is presented 	 Research goals/hypotheses are not summarized Expected outcomes are not expressed Broader context of research proposal is not presented
References 2 pts	 At least five primary sources are up to date, topical, and appropriate. Primary sources are used effectively throughout the proposal 	 Most sources are up to date, topical, and appropriate. Primary sources are used throughout the proposal 	 Some sources are up to date, topical, and appropriate. Primary sources are poorly used throughout the proposal 	 Few sources are up to date, topical, and appropriate. Primary sources are used throughout the proposal