

INITIAL RESEARCH PROJECT IDEA: Due Wed. Sept. 5, 2007

- Make an appointment to come see me to discuss a topic casually
- Then submit this form, or type using similar categories, ½-page minimum

YOUR NAME: _____

TERM PAPER or EXHIBIT DESIGN? _____

POSSIBLE TITLE (Be creative! A good title starts with a short pithy phrase, then a longer descriptive sub-
title, separated by a colon... It should hint at both the subject matter, and the point-of-view or thesis you'll try to
prove): _____

SUBJECT AREA (Define the specific subject area your paper will deal with, including the name of specific
architects, country, and the central ideas or themes you'll explore... Must be primarily non-American, and
1900-1945!):

THESIS STATEMENT (This should present a specific, definitive "hypothesis" or "initial idea" or "beginning
question" or "Main thing you want to show" within your subject area. Remember, you are not writing a "report",
but rather a research paper that tries to answer a challenging question. The thesis is something you hope to
"prove" in the course of your research through the argument presented in your paper. Don't just re-state a
general topic, take a guess at a main point. This part can usually only be done after some initial reading and
thinking specifically about which aspects within your subject area most interest you and are still unanswered!
Think of the research project like a case you'll make to a jury: your paper will try to convince the jury (me) that
a certain initial conjecture (thesis) is true, based on a careful consideration and analysis of evidence
(research), presented in a convincing, logical order (paper or exhibit), to make a clear argument and prove
your point!):

THESIS Cont'd:

POSSIBLE SOURCES: (Be specific, list actual books AND articles that you have looked at, that seem like "good", intellectually rigorous works! Avoid listing the textbook or other overly general books that don't deal more specifically with your topic! Look first in the syllabus for some sources under the lecture topics, then check these sources as well as library for more that fit your specific topic! Always use proper bibliographic format, as described in Barnet)

Sample Book Format: Author, Book Title (Place: Publisher, Date)

Sample Article Format: Author, "Article Title," Journal Name vol.# (Date): pages

- Reminders:
- ½ -page typed research project idea due **Sept. 12**
 - Revised Proposal & Research bibliography of 10 sources due **Sept. 28**
 - First 3 pages of paper and annotated bibliography due **Oct. 22**
 - After receiving comments from the instructor, **KEEP THIS FORM** and all other work. **Resubmit it** and all work each time you hand in a piece of the research project.