

## CSCI E-2A Project Proposal Round 2 — due Monday, December 1 at 11:59 pm EDT

Please email your proposal to [cscie2a@googlegroups.com](mailto:cscie2a@googlegroups.com) Please attach your work as a file, either a pdf (preferred) or a .doc file. Please name the file as follows: Lastname\_Firstname\_Project\_Proposal\_2.ext (e.g., Moore\_Tyler\_Project\_Proposal\_2.pdf)

Please submit a final one page project proposal. This time, we hope you will have nailed down the area you will work on, as well as the particular question you seek to answer. Please include:

1. A clear statement of the question or questions you seek to investigate.
2. A clear statement of how you plan to structure your investigation. Who do you plan to interview? What questions will you ask, and how will they help you answer your questions?

Given the success of the class wiki in facilitating discussion, we have created a forum where you can post your project proposal to get feedback from your classmates, while also giving feedback to others. Posting your proposal to the wiki is not mandatory, but it is encouraged to help you refine the ideas and methods for your project. Here is the link:

<https://cscie2a.wikidot.com/forum/c-65592/project-proposal-discussion>

As a guide, this is the grading scale we plan to use for evaluating the projects (25 points total):

5 points - Clear, concise prose no extraneous ramblings. We made this a ten page paper to encourage you in the most emphatic way to focus on the topic and leave the fluff at home.

5 points – Evaluation of the project topic – originality, clarity of presenting the key questions examined, and suitability to reaching the goal of better understanding the digital explosion.

10 points - An assessment of how comprehensive and effective your outreach has been. We will be skeptical of a paper that was written after interviewing your next door neighbor or your best friend's mom. Every one of the projects embraces some measure of controversy, and affords the opportunity to explore both sides.

5 points - A cogent and compelling presentation of a conclusion that address the "how should it be" question in the context of the past and present state of affairs.