**Action Research Proposal**

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**I. Topic or Problem**

What are you interested in? What problem do you see in your school or classroom? What do you want to investigate? Your topic should not describe what you wish to find; rather, it should simply indicate an area of interest to you. Example: Meeting the needs of gifted elementary readers in a general education setting.

My topic is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Question**

Put your topic in the form of one to three questions. The question or questions are used to help guide your search for data or articles. Do not start with the answer, as this will make your research much more difficult. Example: (a) What special needs do gifted readers have in the elementary grades? (b) How can general education teachers best meet these needs within the confines of reading instruction?

My question/s is/are:

1.

2.

3.

**III. Methodology**

Briefly describe your initial plan for collecting data. For a qualitative study you should use at least two sources. This should be considered a flexible plan at this point.

**IV. Advisor’s Signature**

Check with your advisor and get his or her signature before continuing.

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*Advisor’s Signature Date*

**V. Sources**

You will need a minimum of 15 sources for the literature review. These sources could be journal articles or chapters in academic textbooks. For the purpose of the proposal, you will need to see whether there is enough written on your proposed topic. Therefore, list at least eight possible journal articles or book chapters that may be of use to you (use correct APA form here).

**VI. One Empirical Study**

For your proposal, find one empirical study related to your topic. Empirical means that it uses data or systematic observation. In the proposal, use one or two sentences to describe each of the following:

1. Purpose:

2. Subjects or participants:

3. Treatment or conditions:

4. Measures, instruments, or ways of collecting data:

5. Results (data collected):

6. Conclusions (what do the data mean or imply?):

**VII. Initial Literature Review**

Using correct APA form, write an initial review of the literature using three of the book/article sources and the one empirical study source described earlier. This initial literature review should be between four and eight pages in length and should contain an introductory paragraph and a reference page, all in correct APA style (sixth edition).