### Template/Outline for Organizing Prospectus

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### Questions:

**Key Question(s) – List here:**

*Ways to start this paragraph:

- This thesis is drive by the following questions:
- The main question(s) this thesis seeks to answer is/are …

*Ways to continue this paragraph:

- Relatedly (list more/sub-questions)
- Related questions include

### Methodology and Sources (IE What information do you need to gather to answer these questions):

- Quantitative (statistics, data – source – entity/website)?
- Qualitative (interviews, survey – how you will administer)?
- Text Analysis: Published Primary Sources (newspapers, magazines, literature, collections of primary sources, speeches/autobiographies)
(Methodology and Sources cont.)

*Way to start this paragraph:

My main methodology and sources will …

I will draw on …

* Hypothetical continued sentences for complex, mixed method research:

My main methodology and sources will … combine quantitative and qualitative methodologies. [or: I will draw on … a combination of quantitative and qualitative methods supplemented by the use of text materials such as newspapers to provide more contextual information. I will carry out/use/rely on quantitative analysis of statistics revealing (what? Agricultural yield in x industry? OR Poll Data and election results for what election (year) in what region). My qualitative analysis, using surveys (or interviews) of (farmers to understand how crop yield relates to decisions/choices they have made about which crops to plant and if this has been a factor, why they made those decisions/choices OR voters to find out what sources they drew on to form their opinions on candidates and what those opinions were – [if you have a big enough sample you could find out if they actually voted – but this would be more advanced research for a dissertation or book])

I will also supplement such research/findings with newspaper articles (other materials?) providing descriptions of candidate interactions with voters [for a broader study …]

Hypothesis (Expected Findings)

*Way to start this paragraph

My hypothesis is …

I expect to find the following (or just I expect to find …)