

## **Research Proposal**

### **1. Author:**

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### **2. Working Title:**

Gregory I The First Pastoral Pope.

### **3. Introduction:**

As the substance of your paper (at least one page, but perhaps two or three), your introduction should describe your research topic for the reader of non-experts in a narrative that is both interesting and informative. Make sure that you explain why your research topic is important, and why your reader should take your work seriously. Sketch out any preliminary lines of argument that you have identified, and briefly summarize your research plans in this section, so that your reader can better evaluate your research topic's chance of success.

### **4. Research Question:**

Here, you should report the main question or questions that you hope to address with your research topic.

### **5. Thesis:**

If you already have a preliminary answer to your primary research question (s) include it here; at this stage, though it is important that you have clear and focused questions than theses, since your research topic could turn up evidence sufficient to justify rejecting a thesis that you presently accept.

### **6. References:**

List a minimum of 10 scholarly, peer-reviewed sources within the past 10 years that you have preliminary identified as sources for your topic, using the standard 8th edition Turabian reference format.