

## Student Cover Letter

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Dear Members of the Subcommittee for Reading and Writing:

I was a student in Dr. Alexander's Child Development 133 class. As a final project, we were assigned to research empirical articles and journal reviews, and write our own research proposal based on a subject related to Child Development. The subject I chose to focus on was the effects of parental neglect on emotional disturbances.

While researching articles, I noticed that many articles included the effects of emotional neglect and emotional abuse under the umbrella term emotional maltreatment. It was important for me to distinguish between these three terms and focus solely on the effects of neglect since, I believe, this issue is sorely understudied and needs to be singled out. Therefore, my proposal is an attempt to address this issue.

Throughout my writing experience I first read through numerous articles in order to find the articles that were most closely related to my subject of interest. After analyzing these articles, I wrote my outline which I later rewrote. The remainder of my writing included a peer edit, a few rewrites, another peer edit, and reading a couple more times through to make final corrections. This was a new process for me, and I enjoyed learning about and implementing in practice how to write a research proposal.

Sincerely,

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