I. Basic Information
   A. Your name

II. Progress on Topic
   A. What research area have you decided on?
      If you haven't decided, then what candidates have you considered?
   B. What research questions have you considered?
      (A question is distinguished from an area in that it can be addressed directly by an
      experiment or tight family of experiments)
      How are they related to molecular biology, i.e. an exploration of how something works at
      the molecular level?
   C. What articles have you found that are useful in your search for a research question?
      (Provide specific references and links if possible)

III. Progress on Mentor
   A. Who has agreed to mentor you on your research proposal?
      If you haven't yet obtained agreement, then who have you considered?
      Why her/him/them?
   B. If you haven't yet obtained agreement, what contacts have you made thus far? (Paste in
      the text of a pertinent e-mail, if you didn't already copy me on it)
      If you haven't yet sent an e-mail, then provide the text of an e-mail that you're working
      on.
      If there are holes in your message that you need to fill, indicate them with brackets, e.g.
      "[Got to find an article on mandibular paraphrasis]"
   C. What responses have you gotten? (Paste in the text of a pertinent e-mail, if I wasn't
      already copied on it)

IV. Path towards success (if you haven't yet lined up a mentor)
   A. What do you believe you need to do to come up with a research question and mentor in a
      timely fashion?
   B. What can Akhil, Vince, and I do to facilitate your journey?

V. Any other comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns?