Papers vs. proposals exercise

Option A: Find a proposal and a paper that you wrote about the same project.

Option B: Find a proposal for a project you’re currently working on (written by you or someone else in your lab). Draft an outline for the introduction of a paper about this work:

- Indicate what pieces of background information you would include
- In a single sentence, state the goal of the experiments in the paper (the question the experiments are intended to answer)

1) How did the research question of the paper differ from that of the proposal? Why did (or didn’t) you make the way you explained the purpose of the research different in each document? How might you have made them more different?

2) How does the background information in the paper’s introduction differ from that in the proposal? Why did you explain the rationale for doing the work the way you did in each document?

3) How could you change the motivating background of each document to better support their arguments?

4) How does this lesson change your understanding of the purposes of papers and proposals?