The BA Reading & Research Summary is a required piece of the BA thesis process that is meant to help you think through your project. This form will also give your faculty advisor and writing & research advisor a reference point for what your major goals and questions are going into the Thesis/Major Projects Workshop in winter. Pull from your summer and fall reading, writing, and research to highlight any big themes, questions, and goals you want us to know. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to your WARA or the student affairs administrator with any questions.

Please fill out, sign, and email this form to your writing and research advisor by the Friday of week 9 in autumn quarter.

I. General Information

Student Name: Winter Thesis Workshop:

UChicago Email: Graduation Quarter/Year:

II. Project Description

Please provide an updated brief description of your thesis project. There is no length requirement here; just give us an idea of how things are taking shape.

III. Project Goals & Questions

Please provide brief details on the goals you have for your project and/or the questions you have for yourself and your advisors. Please include what you hope to accomplish with your project in both winter and spring quarters. For example, is there a specific form you are exploring? Are you focusing on a certain craft element that you hope to refine? Is there a stylistic approach you are interested in using?
IV. Reading, Research, and Writing Plans

Please use this space to briefly outline the reading and research you have done and have planned in a concise statement, and position your work in conversation with the writers you are reading. In other words, use this space to let us know how your project connects to reading from your field and focus lists and annotations. Please also briefly note how the courses you’ve chosen, including your Research Electives, reinforce these thesis goals.

Signature: 

Date: