

**Interview Assignment**  
**600-800 Words**  
**DUE 02/25/2019**

Write a report based on an interview with an individual who works in the humanities. Alternatively write a report based on an interview with one of your peers who plans to work in the humanities.

Have a clear purpose when you set out to interview your subject, whether it is understanding what inspired them to create a certain exhibition or how working in their field has transformed their life, or any other focus that is topical and relevant to the subject's current work.

When you approach your subject, explain to them who you are and why you are requesting the interview. Make sure you explain what the focus of your interview will be, and why you are interested in their work.

Prepare your questions ahead of time.

Decide whether you will do your interview in person, over the phone, or by email. Each method has different advantages and disadvantages, which we will discuss in class.

Decide how you will record your interview: tape recording, note-taking, or email.

If you do your interview by phone or in person, be punctual and keep to a time limit, 15-20 minutes is recommended.

We will look at examples of good interviews in class, and talk about the best format for your report. Your report should include an introduction explaining what you hoped to find out, and your conclusion should wrap up the focus of your investigation. Since you are writing about a person, make sure that your report displays respect and interest, regardless of whether you agree with everything the person says.