

## **Adult Interview and Narrative**

For this assignment, you'll conduct an interview and write a longer narrative about an adult you know. Your subject should be someone you can speak to (either in person, or over the phone). A good subject is someone you know fairly well who you want to know more about.

**Step 1:** Before your interview you should prepare 5 clarifying questions and 10 probing questions for your subject. As the interview progresses, you will probably have more questions.

**Step 2:** Conduct the interview. As you interview your subject, take notes. The interview should take you about 20-30 minutes. *In addition to taking notes on your subject's responses, you should also take observation notes on your subject and surroundings.*

**Step 3:** Organize your information using an outline and craft a focus or thesis. *Once you have your focus, you may need to ask your subject more questions.*

**Step 4:** Write a short narrative with a focus on your subject. The narrative should be about 2 pages doubled spaced and typed.

### **Extension:**

*Option #1:* After you interview your subject, make contact with someone else who knows that person, and ask this person about your subject. This person will serve as a second source of information and you will use this research to develop your narrative.

*Option #2:* Conduct another interview with a resident of a local nursing home such as Sunny Acres Nursing Home. This is a fabulous opportunity to build community connections.

*Option #3:* Include photographs of your subject to accompany the narrative, so that is modeled after the ones we read from the Salt Institute.

**Interview DUE Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative DUE Date** \_\_\_\_\_

LA 8  
Research

Name  
Date

**Students will be assessed using the Performance Checklist below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1.Content: Narrative captures essence of the subject.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2.Organization: Writing has a thesis and clear focus, based on interview.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3.Style: Sensory writing is rich with descriptive details.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4.Quality: Writing is polished and professional. Student takes time to honor work.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5.Preparation: Notes, outline, and other preparatory steps are included with the final draft. .

*\*Remember, this will be marked as a triple class  
work and homework grade.*