**Crafting a good interview: Exercise I**

**Assignment:**

The goal of this assignment is to practice preparing an interview script as well as conducting a good interview. To begin, please pair up with someone in the class that you have not had the opportunity to get to know yet. Write your partner’s name here:

Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now, ask your new partners which of the following issues/themes they most identify with. Be sure to ask them if there are any other things that they are really interested in.

* Religion
* Sports
* Economics
* Politics
* History
* Natural environment
* Outdoors activities
* Culture
* Family
* Dance
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

Write your partner’s main interests here.

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Now, based on what you learned, take 5 minutes to put together a list of questions (5-6) that you’d like to ask your new friend. Ideally, assemble your interview script in StoryCorps. If you can’t access the app, you may do it on the back of this page.

Once you have your questions ready, take turns interviewing one another. This will probably take 10-15 minutes. Be sure to thank your interviewee when you’re done! Also, after each interview, be sure to take 4-5 minutes to jot down notes about what stood out during your interview. You will want to write down key quotes as well as your thoughts and reflections.

**Reflection:**

Questions to consider:

* What did you find challenging?
* What did you find enlightening?
  + Can you think of key quotes? Exchanges?
* What did you learn?
* What did you forget to ask?
  + Or what would you have asked differently?
* What would you do different next time?

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