

## The Interview or Survey

### Overview

For your research, you will conduct **either** an interview or a survey. This information, which should allow you to really get good information for your research paper, will be a **required** part of your final research paper and presentation.

### Requirements

You must have the following for either a survey or an interview:

- Ten well conceived questions. (For some excellent advice on designing survey and interview questions go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/559/01/>)
- An abstract going that summarizes what your interviewee or survey respondents have said. (For some fine advice on writing an abstract, go to <http://www.rpi.edu/web/writingcenter/abstracts.html>).

If you do an interview, then you will be required to write out a transcription of your interview for Chris and, more importantly, for yourself. Your transcription should not go over two pages; therefore you will want to write down what seem like usable quotes, summarize important points, and get down **essential information** from the interview.

If you do a survey, then you must have an actual survey. You will be required to turn in said survey to Chris for your grade on this project. (For a list of online survey tools, look at our webpage—<http://www.writing.ucsb.edu/faculty/dean> ---and for some excellent advice on designing survey questions go to <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/559/01/>).

### Possible Questions for Your Survey or Interview

- How do you spend your typical day?
- Have your duties changed a lot since you first started working here?
- What do you like best about your job?
- What do you think the future holds for this kind of work?
- How did you get this job?
- What courses, activities, or jobs would you recommend to someone who wanted to do this kind of work?

### Assessment

You will be evaluated using the rubric on the back of this sheet. It is important that your questions be unbiased and engaging, that your survey or interview questions be well written, that your survey and interview questions be grammatically correct, that your abstract be concise and well-written, that you abstract be grammatically correct, and that it is clear, from your writing, that you have set yourself up to gain **good, usable** information.

### Due Dates

- First Draft (Questions): **7-16-07**
- Final Draft (All of the work above): **7-19-07**