

Directions for 1-24-07

Today, for our realtime meeting, we will be starting with a **chat about research questions**, then we will be doing a forum **about survey or interview design based on our Purdue OWL reading**, then we will do a **short chat and forum post** on “The Summer of the Death of Hilario Guzman”, and, finally, you will have a chance to edit your piece.

Below are the directions for each activity, and if you have questions at any point, let me know. I will be in our “Opening Chat”, and I will have my cell phone on (203-313-1343) if you have questions or get lost.

I Opening Chat (7 min)

- A. Chat focus: What, at the moment, are any questions or comments that you have about research? Also, who are some people that you think you might be able and willing to interview for your research?

II Forum (20 min)

- A. **Directions:** Take about fifteen minutes to respond to the prompt below, and then find **at least one** response to respond to at length. Your first response should be 250 words or so (about a full type-written page), and your response to your peer should be about two paragraphs long.
- B. **The Prompt:** Go into the forum labeled “Purdue OWL.” Once you are there, respond to this prompt: For your research project, what would make the most sense to do: survey or interview people? Who are some people you might survey or interview, and what are some **good, unbiased questions** that you might be able to pose. (For a look at how to write **good, unbiased questions**, take a look at <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/559/06/>.)

III Death of Hilario Guzman Work (15 min)

- A. Go into the chat labeled “The Summer of the Death of Hilario Guzman”, choosing the one for your group. Discuss, for about ten minutes this question: what does “The Summer of the Death of Hilario Guzman” have to say about the nature of agricultural work and immigration? **As a group, choose what you think is the most important point that Arax makes in “The Summer of the Death of Hilario Guzman.** Post this main point to “The Summer of the Death of Hilario Guzman’ Main Point” Forum.
- B. Look over the posts.

IV Editing Work (20 min)

- A. Editing Work
 - a. Step One: List a few of the mechanical errors that you have typically made in your writing. Then look at the websites below to see about how to correct those errors.
 - i. Catching Verb Tense Problems: Click on “Subject-Verb Agreement (288 K)” at <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/powerpoint.htm>
 - ii. Commas: Click on “The English House of Commas (156 K)” at <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/powerpoint.htm>
 - iii. Semicolons: Click on “Our Friend, the Semicolon (224 K)” at <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/powerpoint.htm>

iv. Conjunctions:

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/conjunctions.htm>

- b. Step Two: Use "Noodle bib Express", located at www.noodletools.com, to check your citations for your bibliography.
- c. Step Three: Read your piece aloud, from beginning to end, making any changes that you need to.
- d. Step Four: Email your piece to me at cdean@writing.ucsb.edu.