

Interview Assignment

Due: Monday, 2/27, on D2L by class time (9 AM)

Grade: 100 pts (5% of grade)

Assignment

The purpose of this assignment is to practice interviewing and to reflect on your interviewing style. There are three parts:

- 1) Choosing an interview style: Using L&T and Dewalt & Dewalt, discuss what interviewing is and how interviewing might give you different information than participant observation. Then, using L&T, identify which type of interview you will conduct (e.g., ethnographic, respondent, informant, narrative, focus groups) and why that particular type of interview helps to learn more about the communication practice you wrote about in the previous assignment. ~1-2 paragraphs
- 2) Writing the Interview Questions: Using Dewalt & Dewalt, discuss how you want to set up the interview process (structured? Semi-structured?) and why. Then provide a list of questions that you plan to ask your interviewee. ~ 1 page
- 3) Conducting and reflecting on the interview: Conduct *at least* 1 interview (or one focus group). Record yourself (either audio or video – you can use your phone or check out recorders from the library). After conducting the interview, listen to/view your recording, keeping in mind the strategies discussed by Dewalt & Dewalt. Were you a good listener? Did you ask follow up questions? Did you encourage their talk by using vocal fillers? Any of the other strategies that you noticed you did or did not do? Are there areas for improvement in your interview style? Write a short reflection about your interview style. ~1 page

Requirements

- 2-3 double spaced pages, Times New Roman, 12 pt font, 1 inch margins for essay
- Organization: Title each section of your paper and include all required content.
- Cite quotes or ideas from the reading with the author's last name and year published
 - For example, L&T (year) state that interviews are important because...
 - DO NOT INCLUDE TITLES OF READINGS