

Final Paper: Intercultural Interview Partner Project

Goal:

In this project, you will explore various aspects of a culture different from yours in order to better understand your own culture, and learn about different ways of viewing this world.

Task:

Find an interview partner who is originally from a national culture different from yours. This person should be from another class that you are currently taking in this semester. Your interview partner should not be one of your peers in this class. In your final paper, you will write about your experiences in interacting with and learning from your intercultural interview partner.

Stages for the Final Project:

This final paper is designed to be accomplished through the following 5 stages. In each stage, you should write a three-page draft. Each of your drafts will be reviewed by either one or a few of your classmates in a small group setting. Your draft will receive constructive feedbacks from your classmates, following the *Reader's Report guideline*. The peer review process is essential and will help you complete the final version of your paper.

Stage 1: Research (Before Week 4)

Research your partner's culture and develop a list of questions for your interview based on your research. In your research, you should find information regarding a list of topics that you are interested in about your partner's culture from at least 4 outside sources. The topics could include but are not limited to: language/communication patterns, population, geographical location, cultural values, food, traditional costumes, important holidays, etc. (3 pages).

Stage 2: Interview (Before Week 8)

Conduct the interview (about one hour to an hour and half) with your intercultural partner. Write a summary of the interview describing the interview process and discussing the questions you asked. (3 pages).

Stage 3: Analysis (Before Week 10)

Write a 3 page paper that (1) Compares your research about your partner's culture with the discussion between you and your intercultural partner during the interview and (2) compare/contrast your own culture with your intercultural partner's culture. Are there any similarities or differences? Be analytical! (3 pages)

Stage 4: Reflection (Before Week 13)

Reflect on the entire process of this project. What have you learned? What barriers did you encounter when interacting with your intercultural interview partner? What suggestions would you give to people who are interested in forming intercultural friendships? Please incorporate the concepts (3-5 concepts) that we discussed in class to help you express your ideas (3 pages).

Stage 5: Integration (Before Final Week)

At this last stage, you should use the comments from your peer reviewers or your professor to help you revise the papers you drafted in the previous 4 stages. Before you turn in your final paper, you should integrate all of these 4 drafts into one single paper by using appropriate transitional sentences or paragraphs. Don't forget to include an introduction and a conclusion to make your paper look more professional and complete.

Format:

This paper should be approximately 10-12 pages long, typed, double-spaced, well structured, and proofread before you turn it in at the end of the semester. The in-text citations and references should be followed APA or MLA styles.

Grading Criteria: (total 60 points)

1. 4 Drafts x 5 pts = 20 pts

Final Version:

2. Grammar and organization= 10 pts

3. Quality of research and interview questions= 15 pts

4. Quality of analysis= 15 pts