Assignment #3
Interview
ENG 4/574

Description
Using the approach to interviewing as described in the course readings, conduct an interview. You may choose to conduct an interview within the general topic that you have chosen to work with for the course of this class, or you may choose to conduct your interview in a different topic area altogether. This assignment will be completed over a two-week period and thus involves two components: analyzing your data and presenting your data.

Bring your raw data in the form of interview notes, tape recording, and your preliminary analysis of the interview to class on Monday, October 3 where we’ll spend time workshopping your data in class.

E-mail me the final report of your interview results before class on Monday, October 10, which I will critique for your portfolio.

Due date
- Bring your raw data to class on Monday, October 3.
- Submit your final report via e-mail to gretchen.haas@mnsu.edu before class on Monday, October 10.
- Include “ENG 4/574 <your first name> <your last name> Interview” in the subject line

Evaluation Criteria
- Your interview data and final report should show evidence of the orientation toward interviewing as described by Seidman.
- You must articulate your particular research question and how the interview addressed (or did not end up addressing) that question.
- You should connect your research question to your choice of interviewee and, as well, establish other contextual elements surrounding your interview.
- You will likely establish an interview guide though as the text suggests, it is wise to use the guide only as that and not to worry about deviating from it. Include pertinent information about your guide in your final report by including crucial questions you defined before the interview as well as why you considered those questions to be crucial questions.
- Indicate what the interview didn’t tell you and articulate how you might design follow-up research to further address the research question you posed; and/or indicate how you will now expand your larger research question/project based on the information you discovered in the course of the interview.