

# Ethnographic Worksheet

This worksheet is intended to help you get to know another person in class and to learn interviewing technique. It will not be used in any data collection studies and it will be returned to your subject after it is graded. The questions with stars are required.

Otherwise, you and your subject can choose which questions you want to answer. Be sensitive to questions which are uncomfortable to your subject. Concentrate on questions that they want to talk about. Try to choose questions that will give the reader a balanced picture of the other person. You may take notes on this form and type up the results for submission. The grading rubric for this exercise is available on the class website. Your answers should be complete short answers (i.e. expressed in sentence form and grammatically expressed) or short essays. You may download this worksheet in Microsoft Word Format and insert your answers after each question. The total volume of your questions and answers should be at least 800 words. Do not forget to include your name and your subject's name on your paper.

\*1. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

\*2. Where were your parents born?

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\*3. Where were you born?

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\*4. What is the first language you spoke?

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5. If you speak more than one language, when did you learn the second language? Are you fluent in the second language?

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6. Do you consider yourself to have had a happy childhood? Describe a happy and/ or sad memory of childhood.

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7. Who do you think was most influential in raising you? What did they contribute to your life?

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8. Do you think you got a good education in primary and middle school? Why or why not?

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9. Did you have a best friend in primary or middle school? Describe him or her. What did you have in common with this friend?

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\*10. Where did you go to high school? What was the most important thing to you in high school?

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11. Would you characterize yourself as a member of a group in high school? What set this group apart from other groups?

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12. If you could go back to high school, what would you do differently?

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\*13. What is your major? Why did you choose it?

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14. If you could major in any subject without regard for the economic consequences, what would your major be?

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15. Are you a commuter or do you live on campus? How do you think this affects your education?

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16. Are you in a long-term relationship? How does this affect your college performance?

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17. What is the best thing about your significant other? What would you change about him or her?

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18. Do you spend a lot of time on Facebook? How much time? Do you think that your social life is improved by your time investment in Facebook? Do you think the “face” you present on Facebook reflects your true self?

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19. Are you a Gamer? How much time do you spend gaming? Do you have an on-line avatar? How is this personage similar or different from you?

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20. If someone handed you a college diploma today, what would you do?

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21. If you won the lottery and never had to work another day in your life, what would you do?

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\*22. What do you do with your free time? What would you do if you had more free time?

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