

Northwood AVID 10

Summer Assignment

Hello all. You thought you were totally free this summer. Not! You have a small assignment to complete over the summer.

Look around you and think about a person you know who is an inspiration to you, and who has also gone to college. Arrange an interview with that person. You will need to find the answers to the following questions:

- What is your full name?
- When and where were you born?
- Where did you grow up?
- What events in your childhood helped to shape the person you are today?
- Where did you go to college?
- Why did you choose to go to that college?
- What did you study in college? Were there any classes or professors that stand out to you? Why?
- What do you do for a living?
- How did you come to choose that career?
- What advice do you have for a young person like me?

During the interview, record the answers to your questions. When you are done with your interview you should...

- Write a paragraph describing the person you interviewed and explain why you admire that person.
- Write an introductory paragraph explaining when you interviewed the person, where you interviewed the person, and how long you spoke with each other
- Transcribe your interview.
- Write a conclusion in which you reflect upon what you learned as a result of the interview.

See below for format. This interview is a sample of how to set up your interview assignment.

I met Maher in my room, with my roommate there, on Friday April 1, 1994. We didn't really set up a time because we were in no rush. He is about 5' 6", has neck length, wavy, dark brown hair and brown eyes. He is a blend of Asian and Arabic descent. He is tan from his Spring Break trip and he has let his beard grow a little bit. He was wearing a T-shirt that had his last name on the, full of bright colors, and wearing blue jeans. We sat on my bed and did the interview while my roommate did her homework.

Janel: **Ok, the first question is, how do you regard women?**

Maher: **You mean women in general or Muslim women?**

J: **Women in general.**

M: **Women are equal to me. Not higher or lower than men, but equal and fair. Do you want an example?**

J: **Yes, please.**

M: **The woman can decide what she wants to do, about children, clothes, cooking, food, or whatever. She can make the decisions that make her feel good.**

J: **What do you think women should be doing or not be doing?**

M: **She should not dress sexy or slutty. It causes too many problems. Women should be fair and treated fairly, but should not dress sexy.**

J: **When you get married, what do you expect from your wife?**

M: **I hope she will not wear sexy clothes. It is fine to wear sexy clothes inside the home, but not outside. I also hope we have a good relationship with each other.**

J: **Do you want your wife to stay home or would you allow her to work?**

M: **It is up to her, it is her decision. If she wants to work, that is fine with me, but if we have small children, I would rather she stay home, even if that means I have to work two jobs.**

J: **Would it bother you if you have to work two jobs?**

M: **No, it is important that the children are being taken care of, but I don't want to give them to a baby-sitter.**

J: **Do you prefer that your wife be Muslim, or it doesn't matter to you?**

M: **It doesn't matter, but I prefer that the children be raised Muslim. That way, they learn about God and Faith without all the confusion.**

J: **Why not let the children decide for themselves?**

M: **No, then I would feel bad, I would feel empty. If my children were not Muslim, I would feel like I have no bond with them.**

J: **What kind of changes would I be expected to do if I converted to Islam?**

M: **I really can't say. Maybe more spirit or faith. I can't judge; that is between you and God.**

J: **I have this magazine that I recently bought (not with me right now) and it was about a woman who lived in Saudi Arabia and she refused to wear a veil. She was subject to severe punishments by the government because she didn't want to wear the veil, and then she moved to Canada to seek asylum. The article had many stereotypes that even I knew was wrong. I do not remember the name of the magazine; I think it was *Elle* or *Bazaar*, one of those types of magazines. For example, the article said that the women must wear the veil and if they don't they would be subject to heavy punishment, such as stoning, beating, jail, and sometimes even execution.**

M: **What?! No, that is not true. Stoning? I don't think so. Really, it is her choice. It is the woman who decides when she will start to wear the veil all the time; usually when she gets married. There are two choices of the veil, depending on the city: either it covers her whole face or lets only her face show. It is Saudi law that women must wear the veil outside of the home.**

J: **What happens if she doesn't wear it outside?**

M: **Maybe her parents will be angry. The government may warn her, but they will not stone her or kill her, I don't think so. The reason a woman wears the veil is to protect her from people staring at her, looking at her with lust, or bothering her, especially from men. It prevents men from lusting, because it is easy for men to lust.**

J: **The article said that women are not allowed to walk by themselves outside of their home.**

M: **Women can go out alone. At night, it is better not to because it is dangerous, but they can.**

J: **What about rape? The article said that if a woman is raped, it is usually the woman**

who will be punished, that the family can kill her to protect the family honor, or sometimes she must marry the man who raped her because he took her virginity.

M: Oh no, that is not true. The men are definitely punished. They will be punished not the women. Most people feel sorry for the woman because her virginity was taken; it is the man who will suffer. Sometimes a woman may marry a man who raped her if she became pregnant.

J: Ok, I just wanted to ask you those, to fix those stereotypes that were in the magazine.

M: Whew! That magazine ...

J: Thank you very much.

M: You're welcome.

After I finished asking Maher the questions, we talked some more. Maher talks a lot and always has a lot of things to say. He is very interesting and funny, mostly because of his expressions. He always makes me laugh. I learned from Maher the same I learned from other people, that culture and Islam are not the same thing and are often confused for each other. I also learned from Maher that many of the stereotypes that I mentioned in the interview were not true.

Criteria:

1. Type in 12 point Times New Roman Font.
2. Spell and grammar check work.
3. MLA format with pagination.

This assignment will count for 100 points of your formative assessment grade. You will be expected to prepare a 5 minute speech in which you present your person to the class. If you do not do this assignment you will be unable to complete your first summative assessment of the year.