

READ 363 Assignment 5

Assignment Description: You will be conducting “interviews” with a character from the novel *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, that we just finished reading. You will provide the questions and answers (in the characters tone) for this assignment. In the end you will compile these into a news article, similar to what would have been seen in the town after the crime.

Goals: To push students to get inside the minds of the characters. In the end a student should have an article that is roughly 40-50 sentences long, in the form of a newspaper article.

Part 1: You may pick any character from the novel *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote (or Capote himself) for this assignment. Ensure that there is enough information on this character so that you can adequately create interview questions and responses for this assignment.

Part 2: Create 8-10 interview questions for this character. Focus on topics that could alter the storyline, or would be something you believe the character would want clarified from their point of view. Avoid questions such as “Did you do it?”, as well as “What actually happened,”. Questions need to be deeper to ensure adequate information for you to write about.

Part 3: You will answer the questions that you have planned to ask in the tone and voice of the character that you chose. Each question should have an answer of 4-5 sentences, minimum, to ensure that you are able to fulfill the requirement of a news article interview. Ensure you also utilize images similar to what you would see in a newspaper article. There are plenty of free resources for photos online.

Part 4: In class we will do Peer Review. You will present your ideas to one or more of your peers. You will fill out the Peer Review Protocol Google form I provide. Your responses will be shared with them, so ensure that you are providing constructive criticism, as well as what you think they are doing well with.

Part 5: After peer review you will then compile your interview questions into a newspaper article. You can do this by hand, or by using websites such as <https://newspaper.jaguarpaw.co.uk/>.

Timeline:

1. Part 1 due 4/28
2. Part 2 due 4/28
3. Part 3 due 5/1
4. Part 4 due 5/4
5. Part 5 due 5/5

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