

## YOUR INTERVIEW PAPER

Once you've conducted and recorded your interview, rather than copying down every single word, you should take a very close look to find the most interesting responses. Jot down some of the most interesting bits here.

- "Teaching is actually a very fun thing to do."
- "I'm like a bridge connecting between different cultures., and that's very special to me."
- "The very first class I taught, I was a middle school student."
- "LREI picked me."
- "I had always wanted to be a musician, or a singer."
- "I was a very, very awkward kid."
- "I got shot when I was like eight years old."
- "I didn't want to go around the back of the crowd, so I went through the middle. Then I heard boom!"
- "The owner carried me to the hospital."

- Was there something that surprised you?
- Are there different answers from different questions that you feel have a connection?
- Are there bits of information that you can chunk?
- What do you think the reader would find the most interesting to answer, "Who the heck are you?"

### STRUCTURE:

#### THE BEGINNING

- You will have 3 sections to your interview -- a beginning, middle and end. It's up to you to decide how you want to chunk your information.
- Your paper should be **two** pages long.

- You should have 3-6 quotations. At least 1 or 2 in each section.
- How will you grab the reader's attention? How will you **begin** your paper? Your **beginning** should include a grabber statement about your interviewee. Will it be a direct quote? An unusual fact that you learned about him/her? Jot down some ideas here:

- Did you know that Xin wanted to be a singer? Want to hear more crazy facts about Xin, just keep on reading.
- Xin was born on Christmas Day in 1984.
- He was born in a small town in northwest China and went to a public school.
- That was also the first place he taught. "The very first class I taught, I was a middle school student."

### THE MIDDLE

The **middle** is the bulk of your interview; this is where your reader will find out the most information about your interviewee. Jot down some ideas for the middle of your interview.

- After graduating from college, Xin went to grad school in New York City. "That's what brought me to the states."
- After grad school, Xin started working at a private language school in Beijing.
- He was even teaching adults!
- Then after that he had his demo lesson. "I enjoyed my demo lesson here."
- Xin really loves the school teaching philosophy. "We don't have this in China."
- "It is a great pleasure to be working with these people."

### THE END

- How will you **end** your piece of writing? You want to leave your reader curious! You might end with a memorable moment from your interview, with your favorite quotation, or with a funny moment. Jot down some ideas here:

- When I asked Xin what his most embarrassing moment was, he said that “I got shot.”
- I was really confused when he said that. Wait what? How is that embarrassing?
- Then I heard the full story and I was amazed.
- (Then I tell the story)
- Now I know so much more about Xin and hopefully so did you. I am so glad that I picked Xin because I couldn’t find a more interesting person than the one and only, Xin.