

# *Writing & Ordering Questions*

*Interviewing*

# TODAY

*We will learn the proper order of questions, how to anticipate the source's ability to answer, the need to research before an interview and understand a story's needs.*

*I will write questions for an interview based off a fictional situation in the right order and to get basic facts, but done in a fair manner.*

## ***ON YOUR OWN***

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You ask a junior who failed the English standardized test last year: “**Why do you think so many kids are failing the English test?**”

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The student **does not know the reason other students failed.** They **only know why they failed.** The reporter can ask them that, and the same of similarly situated students and identify a pattern from there.

# ***YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED***

1. **Ask questions in order of least to most challenging** to get information you need & build the source's confidence.
2. **Know what sources can and can't answer** out of fairness.
3. **Know what questions you must have answered.**  
**Research ahead of time** to prevent looking ill prepared.
4. **Ask detailed questions if required; otherwise keep them as simple** to force sources to elaborate.