**Prewriting for Assignment 7**

Pre-Interview:

1. What person will you be interviewing, and what event or idea will you be interviewing them about?

2. Why do you want to do this interview? What interests you about this person or event?

3. Write three questions that you plan to ask your interview subject.

4. What kinds of responses do you expect to hear to these questions?

5. What do you know about this event or idea already? What kinds of research will you need to do to broaden your understanding of it?

6. In researching background materials, you will want to move beyond general searches on search engines such as Google. Use the “Databases to Get You Started” link on the Library Homepage ([lib.uci.edu](http://www.lib.uci.edu/)) and conduct a search through Academic Search Complete.

List three of the sources you found most useful and explain why.

7. What are the main conversations surrounding your event/idea? Is your topic contentious in any way?

8. What important terms/events/concepts did these sources introduce that you will include in your interview?

9. Write three more questions that are driven by your research.

10. How has your research helped you revise your initial questions (Question #3)? How would you now formulate those questions, and why?

11. What kinds of additional research will you need to do in order to prepare yourself for your interview?

12. Now that you have done this initial brainstorming, continue to research your topic and begin formulating your interview questions. As you write and revise these questions, keep in mind the guidelines articulated in your *Writer’s Handbook* chapter “Literary Journalism.”

Post-Interview:

13. When you have completed your interview, take a moment to reflect on your conversation and to fill the gaps in your notes. What in the interview did you hear that surprised you?