

SSS100.1857 – Professor Lynne Turner
Short Essay #2 Supplemental Handout on Essay Structure
Due by email to the professor by October 28, 11:59pm

Essay Structure:

1. Introduction, including your primary question
2. Interview content based upon responses to your interview questions.
 - a. **List key questions and responses below it** - you may combine questions to best synthesize the responses that you received.
 - b. Use both quotes and paraphrase to synthesize interview content. **You are required to include 3 direct quotes from your interviewee of approximately 25 words each.**
3. Paragraph tying what you learned from your interview back to course content (readings and/or class lecture/discussion). **Include at least one citation from course readings.**
4. Concluding paragraph - Summarize what you learned and close with 1-2 sentences providing your perspective about its significance.

See the examples below from the UNC Writing Center. These show two ways to combine the quote with your discussion of its significance.

1. *How free did you feel in terms of choosing your jobs? If you felt limited, why do you think that might have been?*

Lucretia describes feeling limited in terms of her occupational life: *“I have always been good at organizing things and getting along with people, so that made it easy for me to find receptionist jobs. But in those times, you didn’t see women executives. That was just how things were; people simply didn’t consider women for those jobs.”* Her account reveals a sense of how fixed gender roles were in the workplace and seems fairly typical for the time and place, as feminist historian Tammy Ixplox’s scholarship suggests (Ixplox 39).

OR

2. *How free did you feel in terms of choosing your jobs? If you felt limited, why do you think that might have been?*

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Then add in to paraphrase or provide context and further information...