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English 10 Mrs. Filor

English in the Real World

Many people feel English is a drag. Personally, I think it is important. So much of what we do in the United States requires reading, writing, speaking, listening, and just thinking in general. These skills are important in a job, but they are also important in relationships and every day interactions. Why should you believe me, though? You hardly know me. Therefore, I want you to explore how English might be important in your life in a way that’s relevant to you.

Because you’re young, you might not have the perspective you need to see the role of English in your future. Find someone you admire who has more experience than you. Interview that person. This person should be someone with a job who is out in the world on his or her own to a certain degree. This person ideally should have a career you are interested in pursuing; however, you could interview someone who is in college or someone who has a job that you are curious about. The person you interview could be a relative, or not.

Ask him or her the following questions and record your answers (which will be collected and given a grade for completion. They are reproduced on the back of this sheet for your convenience):

1. What role does reading play in your job?
2. What role does writing play in your job?
3. What about speaking publicly?
4. In high school, did you take English seriously?
5. Did your level of commitment to English help or hinder your job prospects and advancement?

We will have a discussion about the role of English Language Arts in American life on Wednesday, 9/16, so make sure your interview is conducted by then.

Name of Interviewer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relation of Person Interviewed to Interviewer\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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