

Artist Career Assignment

Grade 11: Interview a Local Artist

This person could be a full-time or part-time artist and can include non-visual types of art such as writers, musicians, and actors. Note that 'local' can include anyone you know personally whether they live in town or not. Here are some questions to ask but don't limit yourself to just this list. A good interviewer asks lots of questions as the conversation evolves. If you have a recording device make sure you ask them before hand if they are okay with being recorded. If you have a laptop, you can use the speech to text option but it won't write out the conversation perfectly. The interview is something you can do over the phone as well. Be sure to thank the artist for giving you their time at the end of the interview.

What Work is Like

1. Could you describe one of your typical work days?
2. What skills are required in your position on a day-to-day basis?
3. What parts of your job do you find most challenging?
4. What do you find most enjoyable?
5. Are there any negatives to your job?
6. How many hours do you work in a typical week?
7. Which seasons of the year are toughest in your job?
8. Why did you become an artist?
9. Why did you choose this form of art?