**Journalism class interview activity**

Instructions: Interview one of your classmates and write up his/her responses in narrative (story) form. The purpose is to create an informative and fun-to-read profile on one of your classmates. You will share parts of your interview with the class. I will then collect the interviews to learn more about you. Your write-ups should be 400 to 500 words. (FYI, this question sheet contains 492 words.)

*(ask all of these)*

What interests you about journalism (web design, writing, photography, graphic design, power, prestige, etc)?

Why did you sign up for the class? What are you expecting?

Do you consider yourself a self-starter? Why or why not?

Define, in your own words, what it means to be independent.

What does it mean to be a team-player?

How well do you think you work under pressure? Why?

What motives you?

What are you passionate about?

What is your greatest strength (academically)?

What is your greatest academic weakness? What do you struggle with?

Would you rather do something just to get it done, or do it with the intent of doing it well?

How do you define the term "quality?"

Would you rather explain a complex idea simply or a simple idea complexly? Why?

Why types of media do you read? When, and for how long?

What is your favorite publication? Do you have a favorite writer or columnist?

*(ask at least 15 of these)*

What do you do when not in school?

Do you work?

What sports do you play? Activities? Musical instruments?

Are you in or do you plan to join any clubs? If so, what and why?

What are some of your fears? Hopes? Dreams?

Give an example of a time you failed.

Give an example of a time you succeeded. How did you feel? Why?

Who are your role models? People you look up to or think are cool?

Who or what do you aspire to be?

What do you hope to be doing in 10 years?

Describe some of your biggest challenges.

What comes easy to you?

Do you consider yourself a cat (more independent) or a dog (less independent)?

What kind of music do you like? Why?

What kind of music do you dislike? Why?

Describe your ideal outfit. What do you like to wear?

What would you never be caught dead in?

What is your favorite movie/food/sports team/book/performer/politician? Why?

If you could meet three people, alive or dead, who would they be? Why?

What do you consider yourself an authority on? What do you know a lot about?

What are you good at?

What are some things you aren't knowledgeable on? What would you like to learn about?

List some shortcomings or deficiencies.

What part(s) of yourself would you like to improve?

If you could visit three places, anywhere in the world, where would they be?

What is your favorite animal/plant/insect/color?

If you could be someone else for a day, who would you be? Why?

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

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