**Interview Project (10/11’s)**

For this project, you are going to contact an elder in the community and ask them to do an interview with you. In your interview, you will ask the elder to share with you a traditional story of the history of Gitxaala, or the history of their name, house, or tribe.

The process for doing this interview will be as follows:

1. Get as much information as you can about the elder you are speaking with before you go and meet them. Specifically, you will at least need to know which house/tribe/clan they are from.
2. Contact the person you wish to interview and ask them if they would like to participate in an interview. Explain the purpose of the interview and the kinds of questions you will be asking them. Be sure to be respectful in the way you address the elder, and use appropriate Sm’algyax greetings, “please’s and thank you’s,” and in the way you introduce yourself to them.
3. Come prepared. You will want to bring:
   1. A pencil/pen.
   2. A notebook.
   3. A recording device.
4. Be on time. Arrive at your interview with plenty of time to spare.
5. Conduct Your Interview
   1. Ask the elder you are interviewing if they have a Sm’algyax name and if that is the name they would prefer you to use.
   2. Be polite to the elder you are interviewing.
   3. Always take time to ask for an explanation about things you don’t understand.
   4. Look the person in the eye when asking questions.
   5. Listen carefully and take notes; you will need these observations to inform the “follow-up questions” you will be asking after the elder has finished telling their story.
6. Follow-Up Questions

After the elder has finished telling you their story, ask them three “follow-up questions” that address aspects of the story or the topic of the story that you would like to learn more about.

**Interview Project (12’s)**

For this project, you are going to contact an elder in the community and ask them to do an interview with you. In your interview, you will discuss the following issue:

“What do you think is the most important problem or issue facing indigenous communities today? How to you think our lives and communities will change once this problem/issue is addressed?

The process for doing this interview will be as follows:

1. Get as much information as you can about the elder you are speaking with before you go and meet them. Specifically, you will at least need to know which house/tribe/clan they are from.
2. Contact the person you wish to interview and ask them if they would like to participate in an interview. Explain the purpose of the interview and the kinds of questions you will be asking them. Be sure to be respectful in the way you address the elder, and use appropriate Sm’algyax greetings, “please’s and thank you’s,” and in the way you introduce yourself to them.
3. Come prepared. You will want to bring:
   1. A pencil/pen.
   2. A notebook.
   3. A recording device.
4. Be on time. Arrive at your interview with plenty of time to spare.
5. Conduct Your Interview
   1. Ask the elder you are interviewing if they have a Sm’algyax name and if that is the name they would prefer you to use.
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6. Follow-Up Questions

After the elder has finished telling you their story, ask them three “follow-up questions” that address aspects of the story or the topic of the story that you would like to learn more about.