

EXAMPLE OF A STUDENT'S REMOTE ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW



INTERVIEWEE

My aunt



INTERVIEW FOCUS

Her job as a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service



BACKGROUND RESEARCH

- **History of the U.S. Postal Service:** When did it start? How is it organized? What are examples of different positions?
- **Her specific job:** What is her title? How long has she been working there? What sort of equipment does she use?
- **Artifacts:** Are there any photos of her working? Is there anything in my house from her job I can ask her about?



TOPICS

- The start of her career
- Her daily tasks
- Change in the organization over time



QUESTIONS

- Why did you decide to apply to the U.S. Postal Service?
- Can you describe the interview process?
- What was your first position?
- When did you get promoted to your current position?
- Can you describe a typical day at work?
- What is your mail route?
- What equipment do you use?
- How has the organization changed over time?
- How have advances in technology changed your job?
- What advice would you give to someone who wants to work for the Postal Service?



THE INTERVIEW

I will interview her for an hour by phone on Tuesday (her day off) at 1:00 p.m. I will record it on my phone using the voice memo app.



DEED OF GIFT

I, [interviewee name], agree to do an interview with [interviewer name] on [date], consisting of an audio recording. I, [interviewer name], accept the interview on [date] for inclusion to the oral history project.