



Standing Tall

Step 1 Choose a Topic

You and your partner will discuss a difficult decision that each of you has had to make using an interview format. Determine how you and your partner will carry out this process. How will you conduct the interviews? How will you decide what questions to cover in the interview? How will you record the interview? How will you summarize and paraphrase the responses?

List the steps in the interview process that each of you will follow.

Name _____ Process _____

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Have your partner and yourself each list some difficult decisions that were discussed in what you read this week. Then, add some difficult decisions that you have thought of on your own.

Look at the decisions you listed. Both you and your partner should choose a decision from the list, or add a different decision to the list. Put check marks next to the decisions that each of you has chosen to be interviewed about.

Step 2 Find Resources

Make a plan for how you will use interviewing to gather specific details. You may wish to research online on the interviewing process. Remember that most of the questions should focus on how and why the difficult decision was made, but that a few questions should focus on the outcome of the decision.

Use the Interview Form to help you prepare the questions.

Research Roadmap

Step 3 Take Notes

Conduct the interviews and take notes on the responses. Write notes on the Interview Form or below.

Research Roadmap

Step 4 Create the Project

Discuss the interview notes and decide how each of you will summarize and paraphrase them to create notes to share.

Summarize and Paraphrase:

What is the main point that you want to emphasize when you present your interview notes to the class?

Present your interview notes to the class and then post the notes on the Shared Research Board.

Use Presenting Checklist 2 to evaluate your presentation.

Name _____ Date _____

Interview Form

Directions: Use this form to help you with your interview.

1. Classmate's name _____

2. What is a difficult decision you have had to make? _____

3. What was the outcome of your decision? _____

4. How might you change that decision if you had to make it again?

What other questions would you like to ask?

5. _____

6. _____

Name _____ Date _____

Presenting Checklist 2

- ☐ Did you practice your presentation?
- ☐ Did you sequence your ideas logically?
- ☐ Did you support your topic with appropriate descriptions, facts, and details?
- ☐ Did you speak clearly at an adequate volume?
- ☐ Did you make eye contact with your audience?
- ☐ Did you adapt your speech for the task and situation?