
Investigative Interviews

Imagine you are the most popular interviewer in the media, either as a talk-show host, news anchor, or documentary filmmaker. You have an opportunity to interview a modern person (or people) involved with labor justice struggles. Using the guiding questions below, create a mock interview between you and a character(s) and either act it out for your class or, alternatively, make a video of the interview.

Step #1: Whom will you interview?

Some possibilities for interviewees include, but are not limited to:

- Aaron Feuerstein, owner of Malden Mills
- A worker from Malden Mills
- A rabbi involved in labor activism
- A factory building investigator
- An employee from a Bangladeshi or Chinese factory

Step #2: What questions will you ask?

Think about developing questions that will address these points:

- What do you want to know about the people and events in the story?
 - **Backstory on each character:** Who they are, how they are involved, what their goals are.
 - **A conflict:** What is going on? What are the different perspectives of the characters in the story and how do they conflict?
 - **Action:** How are different characters taking action for their goals?
- Your key objective as an interviewer is to investigate a story without being biased towards one side or the other.
 - What questions will you (the interviewer) ask to uncover the most complete story possible and collect information about different perspectives?
 - How will the character's answers represent their views and opinions?