

# *Unit 1 Project*

## The Power of Place Podcasts

Starting from the earliest humans, people have had their whole lives shaped by where they live. Just think about it -- if you grew up in a small town in Kansas, would you be the same person you are today? What about if you were raised on the coast of Brazil or the mountains of Nepal? In this first project, you will become historians studying the power of place in 2017 and all the way back in 2000 BCE, or almost 4,000 years ago.

For the first part of the project, you'll need to capture the oral history of someone you know to understand how they have been shaped by a place in their life. You'll do this by preparing and recording an interview with them that you'll edit down into a podcast.

The required components for the first part of your project include:

1. Interview Questions due \_\_\_\_\_
2. Practice Interview due \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sound recording of your interview due \_\_\_\_\_
4. Finished, edited podcast due \_\_\_\_\_
5. Evaluation of your podcast from a class member \_\_\_\_\_

# Possible Interview Questions

**What is a place that has really affected you?**

**How would you describe that place?**

**What smells, colors, sounds, and people do you associate with that place?**

**How did this place shape who you are?**

**When you go back to this place (in your mind or in reality) what does it feel like?**

**What do you love most about this place?**

**What do you dislike about this place?**

**What do you feel like when you are in this place?**

**What memories do you have of this place?**

**Tell me a story about something that happened in this place.**

**Is this place like any other place? If so, where and why?**

**When was the first time you were in this place? Describe what it was like.**

**What do other people say about or think about this place?**

# Interview Practice + Feedback

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Interviewer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How well did the interview go overall? What makes you say that?

Did the interviewer get you to talk about the **place** where you're from?

What other questions might have helped you talk in more **detail** about where you're from?

Did the interviewer get you to talk about how this place has **affected** you?

What other questions might have helped you talk in more **depth** about how this place has affected you?

**How did you feel** being interviewed by this person? Comfortable? Anxious? Something else?  
What did they do to make you feel like this as the interviewee?

What else could they do to make the you feel **more open** in answering their questions?

