



Fieldwork Rubric

Name _____ Title/Topic _____ Date _____

Task You are a folk researcher who has been directed to conduct fieldwork to research some aspect of folklife. You will be assessed on your ability to prepare carefully, practice needed skills, conduct fieldwork productively and accurately, process and archive materials properly, and present your findings.

Performance Element	Accomplished Points	Developing Points	Beginning Points	Total Points
Preparing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly identifies who to interview and what to collect and/or study. Chooses appropriate method of documentation and prepares needed materials and tools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies inappropriate interviewee or irrelevant terms to study or collect. Method of documentation is not most appropriate; prepares some materials and tools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorrectly identifies who to interview, what to collect and/or study. Chooses inappropriate method of documentation fails to prepare materials and tools. 	
Practicing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sufficiently practices using the equipment that will be used. Practices interviewing interviewees. Completes items in the Before section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practices using the equipment a little, mastery not attained. Practices interviewing interviewees a little. Omits some items in Before section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fails to practice using the equipment. Fails to practice interviewing interviewees. Omits most items in the Before section of the Interview Checklist. 	
Conducting Fieldwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collects appropriate notebooks, forms, surveys and/or checklists Asks meaningful questions, records accurately Takes high-quality photographs; labels prints, slides, diskettes Tape records at appropriate volume, with no interfering noises. Completes items in the During section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collects most of fieldwork tools. Asks mostly meaningful questions, recording mostly accurate. Takes a large amount of high-quality photographs, labels them adequately. Tape recordings lacking in quality, some interferences. Omits some items in the During section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collects inappropriate or inadequate fieldwork tools. Omits questions, records inaccurately. Takes insufficient photographs, labels them inadequately. Tape recordings of poor quality. Omits most items in the During section of the Interview Checklist. 	
Processing Fieldwork Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes Tape Log and Photo Log. Labels materials carefully, files permission slips with materials Transcribes tapes accurately; proofs and edits transcriptions. Archives recorded materials where they will be protected. Completes items in the After section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tape Log and/or Photo Log, incomplete. Labels some materials inaccurately, files most permission slips. Transcribes some tapes inaccurately, proofs and edits most transcriptions. Archives most recorded materials where they will be protected. Omits some items in the After section of the Interview Checklist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tape Log and/or Photo Log, incomplete. Labels most materials inaccurately, files few permission slips. Transcribes most tapes inaccurately, proofs and edits few transcriptions. Archives few recorded materials where they will be protected Omits most items in the After section of the Interview Checklist. 	
Presenting Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chooses appropriate medium for presenting findings. Conveys a message through creative presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chooses inappropriate medium for presenting findings. Conveys a message through mundane presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chooses inappropriate medium for presenting findings. Fails to convey a message through creative presentation. 	