I interviewed Rick, asking him all of the questions that I was supplied. He was quite cooperative, as expected of a good friend.

 a.       Why did he/she decide to get a tattoo?

"I got my tattoos mainly because religion and fighting were big parts of my life. I really wanted to accentuate that fact about me to others without even needing to use my voice. I wanted the world to see who I was and what I represented."

 b.      Take a picture or sketch of the tattoo to include in your analysis.  If your interviewee objects to this, this portion of the assignment may be skipped.  In either case, describe the tattoo image and its location on the body.

"One on my back is a psalm and I recently got a new one on my left arm of a angel's wing and roses."

 c.       How did he/she decide where to have it placed?

"I figured text on my back fit well enough and pictures would be well suited for my arms."

 d.      What does the tattoo symbolize to that person?

"I don't mean to repeat myself but to me, the tattoos represent who I am. The psalms I have are representative of my strifes through life and how religion helped me through it, while the muay thai quotes are representative of what I do for not just fun but camaraderie and discipline in my life."

 e.       How does your interviewee think different people react to the fact that he/she has a tattoo?

"My tattoos are kinda big and bold. Because of that, I think people that aren't really into tattoos will likely discredit me most of the time. However, it can be a great conversation starter to those that are impressed as well as fellow tattoo owners."

 f.       Does the person who has it think that it has or will affect their social standing?

"I'd like to hope not. I mean, it might affect me in fancier situations causing others to look down on me, but I doubt there'll come a time in an event like that where I'll be taking enough of my clothes off for it to be seen. Also, I guess it could effect my chances of getting a job if they have that kind of record."