This independent listening assignment is due on **Monday, September 7** at the beginning of class.

StoryCorps

1. **Download the “StoryCorps” app onto your tablet or smart phone**. This app is free from the iTunes app store. Or you can type “Get StoryCorps app” into Google.

IMPORTANT: if you cannot download the app, go to the StoryCorps website: **storycorps.org** and listen online. (Click on the link “hear more stories” to find additional stories.)

1. **Learn about the app or website**. Look at the various sections (Stories, How to, Questions, etc.). What is the purpose of “StoryCorps”? (Why was it created?)
2. **Find 2 stories that you can understand.**  (Some of the people have an accent that may be difficult for you to understand). Listen to them several times each until you are sure that you understand and can remember the important information in each.
3. **Write a 1-paragraph summary of each interview.** Summarize the important information about each interview in roughly 6-10 sentences: who is talking, their relationship, the main topic of the interview, any important facts, etc.

At the end of each paragraph, please include some information about your own reaction to the interview (for example, what you learned, how it made you feel, if it was difficult to understand and why, etc.).

Include the full title of each interview above each paragraph. Your paper must be typed and properly formatted.

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IMPORTANT: you should use *your own words* for these paragraphs; *do not copy from the website or use exact words from the interviews* (except in quotations when necessary).

We will continue working with “StoryCorps” throughout the term.