

## Study Questions for Palys & Atchison (2007) excerpt regarding *Interviews and Oral History*

1. Latif is interested in doing a study with Muslim students regarding their social experience in the post-911 world. He is particularly interested in finding out about their perceptions of any harassment, social isolation, or ethnic/religious profiling they have encountered. He is unsure, however, whether in-person interviews or focus group interviews would be the better way to proceed. Compare **in-person interviews** and **focus group interviews** in terms of their respective advantages and disadvantages in relation to Latif's research.
2. You are faced with the question of how to gather your interview data. Should you **tape record**? Should you **take written notes**? Should you take notes *and* tape record? What are some advantages and disadvantages of each approach?
3. What is "**selective deposit**," and how is it related to the study of history? In what sense do **oral history methods** address some of the problems of selective deposit?
4. Why have **feminist researchers** been particularly interested in utilizing **oral history** methods?
5. What advantages does the **Internet** offer as a place to conduct social research? What are some of its limitations?
6. Compare and contrast the feminist and dramaturgical views of the interview that are discussed in the chapter.