

## **Podcast – Research Project**

A podcast is a digital audio file that is shared to people across the Internet. They are usually in the form of series, with episodes, and usually involve multiple individuals discussing about a variety of topics. If you are doing your podcast alone, then you can think of it as an "audio-documentary" just like the one that you listened to for your Nueva York assignment.

What I am expecting from you for this assignment is that:

- -You present a research project of your choice that
  - a) engages with a topic we explored in class but gives a little spin to it Example.... we studied jazz, but what about "women in jazz"

or...

b) presents a brand new topic about music, diasporic communities, etc.

In your podcast you should:

- 1) Give background information about your topic....
- Why should anyone care about it?
- How does it relate to the topics we have been exploring in class?
- Some history about this phenomenon
- 2) What is the main thing you are exploring about this? (explain) -and what are other things we should know?
- 3) Provide musical examples! (and explain what they are about or why are they important)
- 4) Concluding thoughts
- Summary of what you presented

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- Things you didn't get to talk about/do research on
- Some interesting questions for someone to continue doing research on this?

Your podcast should be <u>at least 10 minutes long</u>, including musical examples. Try not to make it longer than 20 minutes.

## It is due May 14

You then have a week to do a small write up about your research process and to reflect on the comments that your classmates and I share about your podcast.

## These are some programs or apps for editing audio for free.

You can record things on the mic of your phone or your computer.

- Audacity is my top choice. It is free, very complete for what you need and easy to use.

  https://www.audacityteam.org/ → download it from the original site
- Oceanaudio. I never used it but is free and supposedly very straightforward <a href="https://www.ocenaudio.com/en/startpage">https://www.ocenaudio.com/en/startpage</a>
  - This one supposedly works on your chrome browser: <a href="https://wav.hya.io/#/fx">https://wav.hya.io/#/fx</a>

Let me know if you have any doubts or need any clarifications for making this podcast.

I am very excited about your proposals and looking forward to **hearing** more about them!