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EDUC 603-Educational Psychology for the Adult Learner

Graduate Project Proposal: **Documentary Film**

**Directive:** Developing a Working Philosophy of Teaching by submitting a research project of personal interest.

I am interested in learning more about what motivates adult learners. I plan to conduct video interviews of adult learners as well as teachers of adult learners in order to gain a more nuanced understanding of their motivation(s). I will suggest ways to apply this new understanding to my practice as a post-secondary educator.

**Outline of Objectives:**

- Schedule interviews with students and teachers.
- Write a list of questions for interviewees.
- Conduct interviews.
- Compile and edit footage.
- Reflect.

**Intended Outcomes/Deliverables:**

- A short video highlighting interviews.
- A written statement of reflection.
- Greater understanding of how to teach adult learners.



**Above:** Screenshots of my previous documentary research work. These are examples of interviews with stakeholders; those who can share their experience with me in regard to a topic that I am researching. In this case, I was trying to find ways to make public schools more ethical by talking to teachers.