

EH 101 Prewriting for Paper # 2

Directions: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided below. Examples refer to the essay "Behind Stone Walls" by Cheryl Carp (class handout).

1. What question will your essay address? Try phrasing it three different ways.

- Ex: Carp's essay might have asked, "What is it like to visit inmates in a maximum security prison?"

2. What are the common, expected or popular answers to your questions? List ten misconceptions people have about your topic.

- Ex: Carp's audience might have said... dangerous, scary violent, sexual predators, etc...

3. What examples and details would support your audience's view? Expand these views by providing three hypothetical examples that your audience might have in their minds.

- Ex: Carp anticipated the misconceptions of the audience and brainstormed details about concealed razor blades, illicit drugs, locked up animals, reaching through the bars of their cages, men covered with tattoos, etc...

4. What is your own surprising view?

- Ex. Carp might have answered "Visiting the prison is an uplifting experience, because prisoners can be kind, creative and generous."