

# What can a blank slate learn about another culture through transcription

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# Background & Goals

- Personal Background

I'm a college freshmen, wanting to figure out if cultural anthropology is for me

- Project Background

It's a introduction to working with indigenous alaskans, also going to an indigenous fish camp (hopefully) in the summer of 2022.

- Goals

What software is easy for a first time transcriber?

What can a non-indigenous researcher learn about indigenous culture, strictly from transcribing?

How can listening to interviews and transcribing help prepare a cultural anthropologist before going to the field?

# Methods

Finding transcribing software and testing which works best.

Transcribing - interviews found in the oral history archives at UAF in the Alaska and Polar Regions collections and archives.

Identifying an interview with a Gwich'in women who lived in Fort Yukon, near the fish camp.



# Results

- What was the best software, for a first time transcriber?

-Otter was the best software for me, because it did most of the work and I could focus on just listening to the interview and editing the transcription.

- Things I learned from the interviews?

-I learned about their daily life with in their culture and the specific roles everyone had. Along with gaining some understanding of their traditions. Along with learning of the historical events the indigenous people went though, from their point of view as the events were happening.

- What will help you in going to the field this summer?

- As to what will help me when going into the field this summer. The basics of what i learnt about their culture and the roles they have within their culture. Along with a understanding of their traditions, and the few words of Denaakk'e I was able to learn from the interview.

# The Future of this Project

Going (hopefully) to summer fish camp, with mentor to learn about Gwich'in  
athabascan Culture.

This depends on covid-19 and funding.