

Interview Questions

For Critical Fan Toolkit

These semi-structured interview questions will be conducted and audio-recorded via Skype by Cara Marta Messina. These questions are based on a discourse-based interview method; there is room for follow-up questions. Interview questions (with room for follow-up questions) will be broken into three sections.

Self

- Can you tell me a little bit about yourself as a fanfiction writer?
 - When and how did you start writing fanfiction?
 - Which fandoms did you start with?
 - How did your participation in fan communities change over the years?
 - What fandoms do you currently participate in? Why?
- What texts have you produced recently?

The Participant's *Game of Thrones/The Legend of Korra* Fanfiction

- For the text I have asked you to talk about, can you describe your motivation behind the writing of this fanfic?
- What do you believe are some strengths of this fanfic?
- What are some challenges you faced when writing this text?
- What was some of the feedback you received from this text? What was your reaction to this feedback?
- Why did you decide to use particular tags?
- Why did you decide to focus on these particular characters?
- Can you describe some of your specific choices from this text? [point to specific moments in the text]
- What did you learn from writing this fanfic?

The Participants' Perspective of Computational Text Analysis Results

- For this project, I am doing some large text analysis looking at X fandom in AO3. How do you think these results contrast to or work with your text?
 - Show results of linguistic patterns in the fanfiction texts
 - Show results of tagging practices
 - Show results from temporal analysis
- In terms of what you know about the X fan community, well-represented in these results?
- What is missing in these results?