

**Fall 2009 Session 1 (155-2)**

**Level 5**

**Section 2**

**Listening**

**T/R**

**1-2:50**

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Listening Log

What is it?

A notebook (or folder) of responses to different types of listening samples. Many of these assignments will be given as homework.

What is a Listening Sample?

A Listening sample is something you listen to, take notes on and are prepared to briefly summarize the content of. Your listening samples should be as ACADEMIC as possible. (This means most TV programs will NOT be appropriate.) You should always cite the source of your Listening Sample. See below for how to cite the Listening Samples.

What is a good Listening Sample?

There are many. Some examples are:

Sections of TV News programs (Program name ex. 'ABC News', date and time, length of sample.)

Online lectures (url, date)

Reading resources in Bracken Library (downstairs) (full citation)

Lectures given in your major (Course, name of Instructor, time, date, length of listening sample)

As the semester goes on, we will discover many more places where listening samples can be found.

How much does it count?

Your Listening Log will count for 50% of your final grade. I will collect your listening log at least three times during the semester. The average of those grades will form the final grade for the Listening Log.

What is an 'A' Listening Log?

Accurate, readable and concise summary of the main points of a listening sample

a brief personal response to the Sample which includes careful reflection on the topic

a listening sample of clearly over 10 minutes

a correctly documented Listening Sample

What is an 'B' Listening Log?

Largely accurate, readable and concise summary of the main points of a listening sample

a brief personal response to the Sample that adequately reflects on the topic

a listening sample of about 10 minutes

a correctly documented Listening Sample

What is an 'C' Listening Log?

Mostly accurate, readable and somewhat concise summary of the main points of a listening sample

a brief response to the Sample

a listening sample of over 5 minutes

a correctly documented Listening Sample

What is an 'D' Listening Log?

An attempt was made at the assignment but there are considerable problems. The response may:

lack appropriate detail

include no meaningful personal response

the Sample length and/or focus may be inappropriate (not academic)

lack clear documentation

## **SAMPLE LISTENING LOG ENTRY**

**Documentary program on PBS (Channel 21) Wednesday September 2 at 10pm.**

**Title: "Once Upon a Coup"**

**URL: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/wideangle/episodes/once-upon-a-coup/full-episode/5496/>**

**Sample length: 15 minutes**

**Overall Summary: This program was about the history of a small West-African country called Equatorial Guinea. It's main focus was on the ruler or president of the country, the human rights record in the country, the oil the country has just found, and a coup that some mercenaries planned to take over the country. The sample that I listened to focused on an introduction to the story, the history of the country and the president and his rise to power.**

### **Notes and Details:**

**President's Name: Teodora Ubia (sp?)**

**Capital is on volcanic island**

**stories of torture**

**very bad prison conditions**

**American ambassador was threatened**

**has lots and lots of oil**

**China invested heavily in the country**

**a gang of mercenaries wanted to take over**

**Britain and Spain knew about the coup but didn't do anything to stop it**

**EQ is non-OPEC and non-Muslim (less complicated for Western countries?)**

**Former Spanish colony, mostly Christian**

**Obia (sp?)**

**Took power from his crazy Uncle (Mazia (sp?))**

**Uncle terrorized the population, killed lots of people**

**1968 independent from Spain (terror began- many, many people killed)**

**Black Beach Jail in Malabo (sp? Capital) – many people tortured – beat to death**

**Obia was head of BBJ**

**Family got power from human skull ?**

**Mazia was executed by Obia**

**Some say Obia is not evil man**

**Country was very, very poor when Obia took over**

**I stopped listening to the program here.**

**Personal Response: I've heard of this country and almost took a job to work there. Wow! I really didn't know very much about the history and the political situation there. To me, this doesn't look like a very good place to live and I'm glad I decided NOT to go. It looks dangerous and unsettled- but I guess you could make lots of money there because of the oil. I got a bit confused with the names of people and couldn't spell them very well but I think I understood most of the sample very well.**