

The WWWWH of Field Site Description

- **Where** is the location of the field site?
 - This is more than an address.
 - Describe the location, the general layout of the site and so forth as a way to bring the reader into the field site.
- **What** is it that the members of this subculture do?
 - First tell the audience what the members of the subculture say they are doing. In what manner do these persons go about completing tasks in their subculture?
 - In your final paper you can determine if what they say is the same as what you observed.
- **Who** are the members of this subculture (excluding yourself at this point)
 - Are there full-time employees and volunteers?
 - Are there clients? Others?
 - Who is doing what job?
- **When** do they perform the activities that distinguish them as a subculture?
- For what purpose is this culture in place (**Why** are they in existence?)
 - Discuss any values and norms that have been expressed to you (Not as you experienced them; that comes later).
 - Were there expressions of their subculture ideals (i.e.; “Everyone should love each other.”)?
 - In Assignment 5 you can compare these expressed ideals with your observations of the real (i.e.; we tend not to care for some people as much as others, even if we try not to show this).
- **How** is each task performed?