Field notes

The interview was conducted in the Garden Grove public library meeting room. Present during the interview were the Narrator, Hien Nguyen, the interviewer Le Hong Viviana. We followed protocol and signed all consent and release forms prior to beginning. I began to introduce myself and little bit about my background. I took photos of the narrator and he was very comfortable throughout the entire process. He was very good to answer all the questions I asked and he was very open up to all the questions. He gave a lot of details about the Vietnam War, and how he left Vietnam to a foreign country. He described the life back when the war started. He believed that come to United States was not his choice in the beginning. He argues about how the United States helps many refugees after the fall of SaiGon. But living by himself without anyone helps; he had to do everything and started his education. The interview took about one hour and thirty minutes.

I started to ask more and more questions about his personal life and many keywords about Vietnam, but he seem to be very comfortable to answer everything I asked. The environment in the public library was noisy but we kept doing our interview just like nothing happened. Mr. Hien Nguyen is very professional about answering his questions. I felt happy to talk to him and listened to his experiences about life.