

Intro to Podcasts

1. Watch [this video, “What is a Podcast?”](#) (under 3 minutes)
2. Review [this Wikipedia entry, “Podcast”](#)
3. Go to [this link, *Recall This Book* podcast, Episode 38, “Beth Blum on Self-Help from Carnegie to Today”](#)
 - Scroll through this web page and identify the elements or parts of the page (these are the *show notes*) and jot them down below. We’ll discuss them in class. (You need not listen to the episode, but of course you may if you like!)

4. Go to [this link, *By the Book* podcast](#)
 - Browse this website, including the names and brief descriptions of episodes.
 - Choose one full-length episode that interests you (40–55 minutes; not an “epilogue” or “bonus” episode) and listen to it in full.
 - As you listen, identify the elements or parts of the episode and jot them down below. We’ll discuss them in class.

5. Considering what you’ve watched, read, and listened to, write notes to yourself answering the following questions:
 - What makes a podcast a podcast?

 - How is a podcast different from any other audio recording?

 - What makes a podcast compelling to an audience?

6. On Sakai, locate the PDF Student Release form. Complete the form, save it, and email the completed form to Emma (emma.davenport@duke.edu) before class begins.