- 1. When did you start blogging? I started blogging January 1, 2014.
- 2. Why did you start blogging?

I wasn't planning on blogging seriously, but it was a way for me to express my thoughts, and a kind of outlet where I could present some of the ideas I had to other people.

- 3. How did you hear about blogging? I knew about WordPress.com and I actually had a pretty active blog on Tumblr. But it was always something I knew about.
- 4. What made you want to blog? Basically the more widespread distribution of my thoughts. I knew that writing was a great outlet for me because sometimes I didn't get to say everything I wanted to say in person, or just online. I thought it was a way for me to get myself more out there.
- 5. What was your first blogging platform? Tumblr.com
- 6. What were some advantages or some things you liked about the first blogging platform you had?

I liked that I could keep my blog private and prevent users from following me. I also liked that it was very simple and easy to use.

7. What were some disadvantages or setbacks of the first blogging platform you had?

The disadvantages were that the platform, or the structure was kind of messy and unprofessional

- 8. Did you have multiple blogging platforms? Yes.
- 9. If so, can you please list all the blogging platforms you have used? Tumblr, WordPress.
- 10. What is your current blogging platform now? WordPress.
- 11. What unique characteristics do you see on your current blogging platforms compared to your previous ones?

More effort on layout, more structure, more similarity between my posts. I care more about the image of this blog.

12. How do you think blogs and the act of blogging have changed ever since you first started blogging?

Now, I think there are more people trying to get heard. I think people try a lot harder to get themselves out there. It seems that there is more competition.

13. How do you think blogging has impacted you and society today? Do you think the positive outweighs the negatives or vice versa?

Blogging has been a great forum for me to honestly and openly express my thoughts, and influence other people. I think that it has helped me to write some of the things I wouldn't have otherwise written or expressed. It has also taught me the importance of honest expression, and that it's important to write things that mean something to people, and that people can relate to. I think blogging helps people to share a more universal experience and help them to realize that they aren't alone--we're very similar in our thoughts, outlooks, and experiences. I definitely think the positives outweigh the negatives. I don't see how expression can be a bad thing, because in a way, the more open you are, the more people are united. I honestly think that blogging is very impactful because it affects how people think, and it helps people understand others more. This is also based on my own experiences.

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