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- Your résumé or curriculum vitae
- A cover letter containing
  - Anticipated length of the manuscript (word count)
  - Anticipated date of completion
  - Number and type of illustrations (if applicable)
  - Simultaneous submission information (if applicable)
- A four- to five-page overview describing the work, including details about
  - How your work fits into and adds to current literature on the subject
  - Competing titles
  - Target audience
- The names of four potential reviewers—do not contact readers yourself (The peer review process is anonymous, so the Press will find and confirm readers.)

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Proposal for an incomplete project:

- Proposed table of contents with chapter abstracts
- One or two sample chapters
- Preliminary bibliography

Proposal for Conversations/Interviews volume:

- An overview of the subject's career explaining the importance of the subject in literature, comics, film, or television history and noting any current literature on the subject

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- Preliminary list highlighting the subject’s major works
- Preliminary table of contents with information on interviews that might be included. This list should reflect a representative sample of interviews throughout the subject’s career and come from multiple sources.
- Anticipated length of the manuscript (word count) and/or the number of interviews you plan to include
- Anticipated date of completion

Complete manuscript:

- The full manuscript with numbered pages
- Copies of illustrations and associated captions

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