# Recording Audio Clips - Tips

## Before recording

- Switch your phone to airplane mode: This will prevent you being interrupted by calls and alerts.
- Start with a full battery: storing audio files can use a lot of power. If you plan to record for more than an hour you may need a portable battery pack.
- Check your storage: audio recordings might use lots of space on your device, make sure you have enough. This may be the time to delete some of your old apps and photographs.
- Find the microphone: When you start recording, you'll want to point the phone's microphone in the direction of the person speaking. If you're recording your own voice, keep a reasonable distance between your mouth and the microphone to ensure you capture a clear audio recording.
- Remove the phone case, be mindful of fingers, or other paraphernalia obstructing the mic.

# **During recording**

- Record in a quiet environment, free of ambient noise. Choose a location where you are unlikely to be disturbed.
- Make a test recording and listen to it. The speech should sound clear.
- Speak slowly and pronounce full words.
- Record each answer as a separate file.
- Rename each answer right after each recording.

## After recording

- Make a copy of the recordings on your computer, or in an online platform where you have access.
- Send all clips to Justin DiMayo via email: jdimayo@sitesofconsciece.org

## **Pro Audio Recording Apps**

- <u>Voice Record Pro</u> (iOS only, free or \$7 for an ad-free version) provides a home screen where you can adjust various settings.
- <u>Titanium Recorder</u> (Android only, free with ads) provides one of the most complete solutions for sound capture.
- Smart Voice Recorder is designed for high quality, lengthy voice recordings. It also automatically skips relative silence.
- <u>Tape-a-Talk Voice Recorder</u> allows for easy syncing to Dropbox, so that you can access your audio files on your computer and share them. You can also pause, rewind and fast forward from within the app, so there's no pressure to get the perfect recording on your first take.