

Oral History Project Instructions

Interview an individual you consider a generous leader. Your storyteller could be a prominent community leader or someone who is quietly making a difference. Seek to learn the personal stories and traits of generous leaders. If everyone conducted themselves like servant leaders, it would be a better world to live in.

Step 1: Download the Story Corps app at: <https://storycorps.org/participate/storycorps-app/>. Explore the app's main features and learn how it works.

Step 2: Choose someone to interview. Begin with the people who are most meaningful to you and people you admire. You may call upon neighbors, teachers, people from your faith community, VFW halls, and retirement communities. Many people enjoy being interviewed. You may be surprised how people bond over this experience.

Step 3: Watch this five-minute video that gives you four essential tips on how to conduct an interview. Following these four steps is essential in order to have a successful interview:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G70rR2vG5wY>

What are the four tips?

TIP #1: _____

TIP #2: _____

TIP #3: _____

TIP #4: _____

Step 4: Choose the individual you will interview.

Name: _____

Time Scheduled to conduct the interview: _____



What about this person makes you want to interview them? What traits do they have that you respect? How do they make the world a better place?

Step 5: Whether on paper, or on the Story Corps app choose what questions to ask. Here are some examples:

What are the traits of a leader?

If you could go back in time and correct something, what would that be?

What is a positive idea you have of what the future holds for the world?

What was the happiest moment of your life? The saddest?

Who has been the biggest influence on your life? What lessons did you learn?

How has your life been different from what you imagined?

What is the hardest thing you have ever had to do?

What are you proudest of in your life? Why?

Tell a story about a cultural tradition observed by your family and why it is important?

Do you have any favorite story, or antidote about life that you would like to tell?

What was it like where you grew up? What was your childhood like?

What were your parents like? Where are your parents from? Have they told you any stories about growing up or living where they're from? Have you ever been there? What was that experience like?

What are the most important lessons you've learned in life?

How would you like to be remembered?

THESE ARE JUST SUGGESTIONS, WRITE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU FEEL WOULD MAKE FOR A GREAT INTERVIEW.

Step 6:

Publish your interview and share the link of your interview with your instructor.

