

Name: _____

Interviewing Students at San Marcos Elementary

Goal: Your goal is to find out more about your interviewee's education and life.

Preparing for the Interview

1) Plan your interview.

1. Learn about the school and city.
2. Choose questions from the list below for your interview. You can also write your own questions if you prefer.
3. Write an introduction to your interview (Part 1)
4. Write down 5 background questions in the interview packet (Part 2)
5. Write down 6 project questions in the interview packet. (Part 3).

4) Practice your interview.

- Make sure you feel comfortable with the interview questions before you do your real interview. You should be able to get interesting answers by asking **follow-up questions**.

5) Conduct the interview!

- While you conduct the interview, find a way to record the responses. You may want to use an audio recorder or video recorder so you can focus on asking questions.

Things to Remember

- Get their juices flowing!
- Give follow-up questions!
- Be professional!
- Our exhibition is on Thursday, June 11th! Invite them to come!

Help with Part 2: Background Information

Highlight the top 5 questions you want to ask your interviewee to get to know them better. Then, write them in Part 2 of the Interview section of this packet.

1. When and where were you born?

2. How did your family come to live in San Marcos?
3. Have you lived in another country? How would you compare it to living in San Marcos?
4. What is your house/apartment like? How many rooms? Bathrooms? Telephones?
5. What kind of games do you play at home?
6. What is your favorite toy and why?
7. What is your favorite thing to do for fun (movies, beach, etc.)?
8. Do you have family chores? What are they? What is your least favorite?
9. Do you have any pets? If so, what kind and what were their names? If not, why not?
10. Describe a typical family dinner. Do you all eat together as a family? Who does the cooking? What are your favorite foods?
11. How are holidays (birthdays, Christmas, etc.) celebrated in your family? Does your family have special traditions?
12. What does your family enjoy doing together?
13. Do you have access to technology at home? What types?
14. Do you have access to books at home?
15. What accomplishments are you the most proud of?
16. What is the one thing you most want people to remember about you?

Help with Part 3: Break the Cycle

Highlight the top 6 questions you want to ask your interviewee to help with our final product. Then, write them in Part 3 of the Interview section of this packet.

1. What do you do when you are not at school?
2. What is your dream school?
3. Do you think education is important? Why?
4. Do you think that going on field trips (fieldwork) help your education? Why?
5. If you learned about topics on a field trip (fieldwork), do you think that would help you have more perspective on the topics?
6. If you could change your education, what would you change or do differently?
7. Do you think it's important that all kids have an equal education? Why?
8. Do you know anyone that has struggled in school because they don't have educational opportunities outside of class? If yes, how?
9. Do you think your community, or where you are educated, affects the type of opportunities you have to learn? Why?
10. What types of museums or field trips (fieldwork) have you gone to with your family?
11. Do you think it's important to have a good education? Why?
12. What does it mean to have a good education?

Background Information Part 2: Getting to know your interviewee

Question 1:

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Question 2:

Question 3:

Question 4:

Question 5:

Break the Cycle Part 3: Learning about their experiences

Question 1:

Question 2:

Question 3:

Question 4:

Question 5:

Question 6:

Closing: (Thank your interviewee for their time! Be sure to invite them to our exhibition!)

Thank you for the interview!
