

StoryCorps: Your Family Edition :)

DUE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

Directions:

Choose a family member at least one generation removed from you (so someone from your parents' or grandparents' generation) and arrange to spend some time chatting about some aspects of his/her story AND learning about a family artifact that is precious to him/her (the artifact can be a picture, a document, a possession - anything that has personal significance to your interviewee and is something he/she wants to share with you!).

Explore for some ideas for questions on the StoryCorps website (<https://storycorps.org/great-questions/>) - and you can also listen to some of the stories there and even get an app (<https://storycorps.org/participate/storycorps-app/>) if you think you might want to share your family's story with the StoryCorps project!

Prior to your chat, make a plan:

- 1) Whom will you interview? When and where? How will you find a quiet spot at that location (especially important if you're going to chat during a family holiday gathering or at an outdoor location!)? How will you record it (on your phone is fine! And remember that this is an audio-only recording!)? Remember that in-person is preferable, but this can also be done via FaceTime, GoogleHangout, or Skype if that makes more sense for your family.
- 2) Make contact with your interviewee in advance - give him/her a little bit of information about the project as well as time to think about what artifact he/she would like to select.
- 3) Choose your questions! You must ask three - question one is provided below and the remaining two are of your choosing, whether from the available lists linked above or similar original ones that you've composed. You can of course ask more :).

During your chat, take a picture with your family member and his/her artifact. (If you're doing a virtual chat, just take a picture of yourself in front of the screen where your family member appears holding his/her artifact!)

AFTER MAKING A PERSONAL COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT AND REPLACING "COPY OF I" IN THE FILE NAME WITH "LAST NAME, FIRST NAME:", Respond to the questions on the next page (some before the interview and most afterward) and identify a 20-second clip from your StoryCorps to share in class.

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Planning (complete BEFORE your interview!):

1. Whom will you interview? When and where?
2. Why did you choose this family member?
3. What artifact did your family member choose? Why is it significant to him/her?
4. If you were going to choose an artifact from your life to share with someone who had chosen to interview you for a project like this, what would you choose and why?
5. What questions will/did you ask your family member?
 1. What artifact did you choose to share with me? What's the story behind it and why is it important to you?
 2. [replace this text with the question you decide to ask]
 3. [replace this text with the question you decide to ask]
 4. [choose a backup question in case you aren't satisfied with the answer you receive to either question 2 or question 3 and replace this text with that backup question]
6. Why did you choose questions 2 + 3?

Reflection (complete AFTER your interview!):

7. Did the questions you chose for #2 and #3 end up being good questions to ask? Why/why not?
8. What was something you learned during the interview that surprised you?
9. What was something your family member said that you found particularly interesting? Why?
10. As we discussed, "StoryCorps' mission is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world." Do you feel that your experience aligned with that mission? Why or why not?
11. Choose a 20-ish second snippet of your interview that you particularly love or that you think best encapsulates the interview as a whole. Know where it is (timewise) in the interview and come to class on the due date prepared to share it out :). (It doesn't need to be trimmed separately or uploaded anywhere; you can just play that portion of the interview straight from your device).
12. Paste below the picture that you took during the interview.