

TIPS

- CATER THE QUESTIONS TO THE PERSON BEING INTERVIEWED
- FOLLOW YOUR INTERVIEW SUBJECT WHERE THEY WANT TO GO!
- DON'T BE STUCK TO YOUR QUESTIONS OR THE ORDER OF THEM
- TRY TO SOLICIT STORIES
- STORYCORPS IS A CONVERSATION...
- ...BUT LET YOUR INTERVIEWEE GUIDE THE PERSPECTIVE SHARING

A good place to start....

Can you tell me a little bit about yourself/what you do/your connection to the Animas River?
(Be sure to establish their name and their role in the community in conjunction with the intro!)

General

What does the river mean to you as an individual?

What was your reaction when you found out about the spill?

What impact did the spill have on you personally?

How did you feel when you saw the water?

How do you think the spill impacted your community as a whole?

Do you have an opinion on what actions humans can take to move forward and learn from this?

What is your opinion on the Silverton Superfund issue?

Do you have any good stories about the Animas?

Community groups/experts/scientists/professionals in the field

Start with some general and then cater questions to individual expertises!

What is your organization/agency doing in response to the river spill?

What perspectives or expertise can you share?

Can you compare this spill to anything else you have experienced in your field?

What should the community focus on moving forward?

Students (and teachers)

Start with general and add some of the following....

Describe the learning (teaching) you have been doing around the Animas River Spill. What has your class been studying? What have you discovered?

What perspectives have you developed through your project?

What has been most surprising to you?

What do you think is the solution moving forward?

What are your greatest take-aways?