

"EMBRACING YOUR FAMILY LEGACY"

CONVERSATION STARTERS

The best way to get to know someone is by having a conversation with them. As we start our journey of getting to know our family history, we want to start with our elders. For each family member, the elder may represent a different person from a different generation. The hope is that these conversation starters will get families thinking about who their family is and was, where they come from, and what their lives were like.

Interviewer: _____

Subject: _____

Location: _____

Date: _____

Take time to start a conversation with your elder-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, etc.-and try to fill in responses to the questions below. This will be the first set of building blocks to help in your journey to discovering your history.

HINT: If you need more space, copy these questions to your notebook.

WHEN WERE YOU BORN?

(Depending on the Era, do they remember a key moment?
Examples: The Moon Landing, The MLK Assassination, The March on Washington, the Assassination of Malcolm X, The Challenger Explosion, 9/11, etc.)

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME? IF SO, HOW DID YOU GET IT?





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HAVE YOU EVER LIVED ANYWHERE ELSE? IF SO, AT WHAT AGE AND WHERE?

WHAT CHORES DID YOU HAVE AS A CHILD? WHICH ONE WAS YOUR FAVORITE?

DID YOU SERVE IN THE MILITARY? IF SO, WHAT BRANCH? WAS IT VOLUNTARY?

WHAT IS THE FAMILY TRADITION YOU REMEMBER MOST?
