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Black History Month Project
Oral History/Book Report Interview Questions

Live Interview Option: Ask the questions to the person you are interviewing. Video tape or audio record their responses. Type up a transcript of the person’s responses. (The transcript should be word-for-word what the person said.) Use the answers from the questions to write your biography.

Research Option: After you finish reading the Biography or Autobiography about the person you are studying, write out answers to each of the oral history interview questions as you think your selected person would answer. Be creative here, using what you know of the person’s style, personality, and character. Based your “interview” responses in your research. (For a few questions, you may need to seek outside sources.) Remember, you are simply making up the answers, you are making up a response that is based in facts and evidence.

The following is a list of the required questions you will use for the interview portion of your Black History Month Project. You will ask 20 questions in total, 17 from the required list and 3 questions of your choosing.

Questions:
1. In what year were you born?
2. Where were you born?
3. What was the world and society like at the time that you were born?
4. Describe your family.
5. Do you have siblings? If yes, what are your siblings like?
6. What major world events happened during your childhood?
7. Describe the neighborhood where you grew up.
8. Describe where your family is from (geographically). Do you know if your family was part of the Great Migration of African American families from the southern states to northern cities?
9. If your family has moved (to a different country or state), please describe when and why your family made that move.
10. Do you consider yourself to be someone that positively impacts society? If yes, how?
11. How would define racism?
12. How has racism impacted your life?
13. What was school like for you? Best and worst memories?
14. What was your first paying job?
15. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
16. What are you most proud of in your life? What is your greatest accomplishment?
17. What advice would you give to young people today?