

*The human voice
is the organ
of the soul.*

Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow



TVL Interview TIPS

- Pick a setting the person(s) being interview are most comfortable in
- Ask in advance if there is anything they do not want to talk about
- Pictures and objects are helpful to help spark conversation
- Give them just a few key questions a day or two before - you can expand on later.
- Play background music softly — even better, music of the time period you will be talking about enhances memory
- Plan interview breaks every 15 min. Let them know before starting. Name and save each recording.
- After interview is over – ask them what pictures they would like you to add to their legacy or experience.

The Interview:

“There is no gift more cherished & valuable to a person, than to honor them – by simply being heard.”

Make them and YOU feel comfortable. Emotionally engage with interviewee. Disarm by being joyful, a good listener – and research likes, dislikes, hobbies, education, ect.

You are the Adventure Tour Guide...ONLY!

Let the interviewee do all the talking. As a tour guide simply use the senses ask; “What did you...smell, taste, touch, see, hear...”

Only to spark a memory - then let them talk more about it.

TVL # 5 Key Questions to Get You Started

1
**What was/
are your
Goals –
Dream?**

2
**Who was/ is
your
Mentor?**

3
**Last Time
you laughed
at yourself?**

4
**Most
Difficult
Challenge?**

5
Life’s wisdom – sage advice to share?