

STORYCORPS

#ThankAnEducator

Honor an educator in your life with a StoryCorps interview and show them just how much they mean to you.

Have the conversation of a lifetime today, virtually or in person, in five easy steps.....

1. Select your interview partner and prepare your questions.

You can use StoryCorps' [Great Questions list](#) or create your own questions! We also highlighted a few below.

2. Create a StoryCorps Account.

If you are recording in person, download our App from the [App Store](#) and sign up. If you are recording remotely, create an account for our virtual recording platform at [archive.storycorps.org](#).

3. Have a conversation.

Identify a quiet place to conduct your interview. If you are using the App to record, follow the prompts in the App. If you are recording remotely, log in at [storycorpsconnect.org](#). Then, let the conversation flow!

4. Preserve it for history.

When you're done, click "Stop recording" and then "Save interview." Enter a descriptive title, summary, keywords, and photo. These will make it easier for you and others to find your interview in the future.

5. Share your interview.

When you're done recording, select your privacy settings. Share your interview with the world, or save it for friends and family. It's your choice!



EXTRA CREDIT INFORMATION

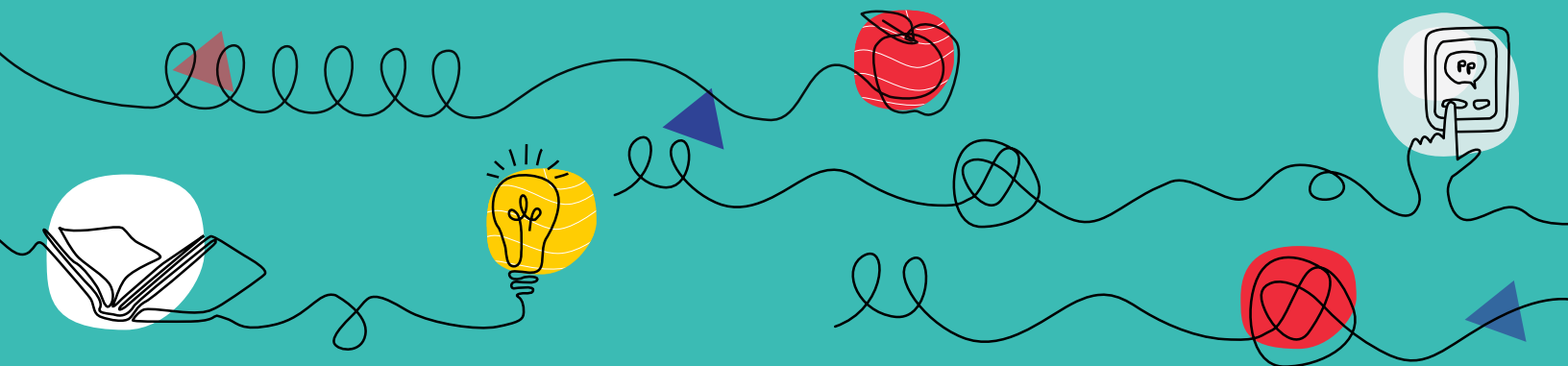
These conversations can take a lot of different forms:

- Interview a current educator in your life
- Reconnect with an educator from your past
- Honor a fellow educator
- Thank your child's educator
- Reminisce about the impact an educator had on you with a friend

Begin with both participants introducing themselves:

PARTICIPANT 1: My name is (name). I am (age) years old. Today is (date), and I'm speaking with (partner's name), who is my (relationship). I am recording this interview in (place, city, state); e.g., "my home in Nome, Alaska").

PARTICIPANT 2: My name is (name). I am (age) years old. Today is (date), and I'm speaking with (partner's name), who is my (relationship). I am recording this interview in (place, city, state); e.g., "my home in Nome, Alaska").



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Great questions lead to great conversations:

Most participants are able to get through about six questions during a 40-minute interview. Select six to eight questions from the lists below. Sometimes the best questions are the ones that you've always wanted to ask, so feel free to add a few of your own.

The educators in our lives

- When and why did you decide to become an educator?
- Tell me about your first day as an educator.
- How is teaching different from how you imagined it to be?
- Tell me about a time when teaching made you feel hopeful.
- What are the most challenging and/or funniest moments you've experienced in the classroom?
- How would you like your students to remember you?
- Was there a teacher or teachers who had a particularly strong influence on your life? What did you learn about teaching from them?
- Looking back, what advice would you give to yourself in your first year of teaching?

School and school-related

- Did/Do you enjoy school? Why or why not?
- What kind of student were/are you?
- How would your classmates remember you?
- What are your best memories of grade school/high school/college/graduate school? Worst memories?

- Was there a teacher or teachers who had a particularly strong influence on your life? Tell me about them.
- Do you have any favorite stories from school?
- Is there any message you want to give to the graduating class? To the school?

General questions for the times

- What's your favorite memory of me?
- Do you have any advice for me?
- What do you think my future holds?
- What are your dreams for me?
- What has living through this pandemic meant to you? Has it changed you? Have you learned any lessons from it?
- Is there anything I didn't ask you about that you'd like to talk about?
- Someday your great-great-grandkids will listen to this — is there any message you want to pass on to them?
- Turn the table — tell your interview partner what they've meant to you.

What is StoryCorps?

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps has given people of all backgrounds and beliefs, in thousands of towns and cities in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. We preserve the recordings in our archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Today, it is the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered.