

## Let's Talk About It!

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What better way to learn about an event than to discuss it with someone who's "been there"?

Project outline:

1. Find an individual who participated in or lived through World War II to interview. The person may be a family friend, neighbor, or relative.
2. Plan on your interview lasting 15 - 30 minutes, depending on the person you talk with.
3. Take notes of you interview on note cards, or tape-record it with the person's permission. Be sure to follow up the session with a thank-you note.
4. Use your notes or tape recording to help you prepare a two- to three-page written report. The report should focus on life during the war, from the interviewee's perspective.

Helpful Interview Hints:

1. Try to keep your interview as informal as possible.
2. Feel free to ask additional questions
3. Let the interviewee talk about any experiences which you may not have included in the questions.
4. Use the following questions as a guide during the interview:

Questions for any individual:

- ▶ Where were you when you learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor? What was your first reaction? How did you feel? What did you do? How did other people around you react?
- ▶ What do you remember about D-Day, V-E Day? V-J Day?
- ▶ What did your friends and family members do during the war?

Questions for someone who participated in the war:

- ▶ Where did you serve? When? How did your serve: sailor, soldier, nurse, factory worker?
- ▶ What do you remember about food? living conditions? Hardships? Friends that you made?
- ▶ If you fought, in what battles did you participate? What do you remember about fighting? Were you frightened? What were your greatest fears?

Questions for those who remained on the home front:

- ▶ Where did you live?
- ▶ did you do anything to participate in the war effort? Did you buy bonds?
- ▶ How did your life and your family's lives change during the war? After the war?
- ▶ How did you get information about the war?
- ▶ What were some wartime songs? Movies? Radio shows?
- ▶ Did you have blackouts? Rationing? Air raid drills?

