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US History

**Oral History Assignment**

**Assignment:**

* Interview someone who lived through a decade of history we have studied during 4th term. (1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, or 2000s)
* Your interviewee must be old enough to remember the decade and have intelligent comprehension about the issues that were relevant during that decade (that means that they need to have been at least 18 during the decade you are choosing).
* You will need to formulate at least **10** basic, thoughtful, fairly specific questions about the decade that will serve as the foundation for your interview. **(They must be handed in with your assignment)**
* After the interview, you need to type a paper (2 pages, TD112) discussing the interview and their responses to the questions. (please don’t just give me a transcript of the interview. I want to see that you can synthesize their responses with how we have studied these decades in class.)
* You are required to complete TWO different interviews

**Hints for the Assignment:**

* Avoid questions that invite a “yes” or “no” answer. Instead of “Did you support the Vietnam war?” as “What were your feelings about the Vietnam War?”
* Prepare follow-up questions to get more details. Where, When, and Why are good places to start.
* A great place to find ideas for questions is to look through the chapters in your textbook to see the major events that took place during each decade