

Summer Of Sleuthing—Save Our Stories

Suggested Ideas for Interviewing Relatives

- 1. Ask about the name and birth information. Ask for the names of parents, brothers, and sisters.
- 2. Ask what their childhood was like.
- 3. Ask about their schools and what they did for fun.
- 4. Ask about dating and getting married.
- 5. Ask about when their children were born, and how they reared them.
- 6. Ask about their health and if they have had any accidents or broken bones.
- 7. Ask them how the world is different today than it was when they were little.
- 8. Ask them about friends they have had.
- 9. Ask them about places they have visited.
- 10. Ask them about their favorite things like color, food, movie stars, flowers, holidays, TV programs, songs, sports, artists, authors, candy, seasons, and anything else that comes to mind.
- 11. Give them a chance to talk, while you listen. A tape recorder is a good way to record and remember the information.
- 12. Tell them THANK YOU for the time they took and the information they shared.
- 13. From this information, write a story about them. Be sure to share this story with them.