

Recommended Questions for Conversations with Seniors

- What radio shows did you listen to growing up? What did you like about them?
- Do you have any stories about sharing a landline?
- What was school like growing up?
- Did you go to college? If so, when and how did you decide what to study?
- What did you do for fun after school or with friends?
- Do you remember any particular teachers who influenced you?
- How did your parents talk about school while you were growing up?
- Do you recall any family vacations or holidays from your childhood?
- What sorts of outdoor activities did you enjoy growing up?
- Where have you lived? Which place did you like best?
- Do you remember gardening as a kid?
- What was your role in the kitchen growing up? Who cooked the best?
- When and how did you learn to cook? From whom?
- What was the protocol for family dinners or meals?
- Do you remember any signature ethnic or family dishes? What was your favorite meal?
- Where did your meat come from as a kid? Did your family keep animals to butcher?
- What holiday traditions do you remember from your childhood?
- Are there any family tales or stories that you were told as a kid?
- Were you ever enlisted in the military? Was there anyone in your family who was?
- How were you or your family affected by WWII? What was the most challenging part?
- Have you ever spent time outside the U.S. or in a completely new culture?
- When you were a kid, who did you think you'd be when you grew up?