



THE MOST IMPORTANT LEGACY

YOU CAN LEAVE

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What is the most important thing you can leave behind for your family and loved ones? Your money? Your house? A plan for an easy inheritance process?

Or, maybe the most important thing to leave behind are *your stories*.

Yes, inheriting money and other assets usually makes life easier for our heirs. And yes, putting the pieces in place for a smooth inheritance process is an undeniable help to them. But when you get down to it, what most of the living wish we could keep is the person themselves.

There is a way to help your family and loved ones hold on to you – and for you to share the things that you want them to know. Below are interview questions assembled by NPR's StoryCorps. Take a look, and then "interview" yourself!

STORYCORPS CONNECT

INSTRUCTIONS/QUESTIONS LIST

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Most participants are able to get through about six questions during a 40-minute interview, so please select six to eight questions from the list below. Keep in mind that sometimes the best questions are the ones that you've always wanted someone to ask, so feel free to add a few of your own.

Begin with introducing yourself:

My name is (name). I am (age) years old. Today is (date). I am recording this interview in (place, city, state; e.g., "my home in Nome, Alaska").

GREAT QUESTIONS:

- 1. Tell about the person who has been kindest to you in your life?**
- 2. Tell about one of your happiest memories?**
- 3. Tell about one of your most difficult memories?**
- 4. Tell about someone who has had a big influence on your life? What lessons did that person teach you?**

GREAT QUESTIONS (cont.):

- 5. What do you feel most grateful for in your life?**
- 6. What are some of the most important lessons you've learned in life?**
- 7. What is your favorite memory of different people in your life?**
- 8. What are you proudest of in your life?**
- 9. Can you remember a time in your life when you felt most alone?**
- 10. How has your life been different than what you'd imagined?**
- 11. How would you like to be remembered?**
- 12. Do you have any regrets?**
- 13. What are your hopes for your children? Grandchildren? Friends?**
- 14. If this was to be your very last chance to share your thoughts, is there anything you'd want to say?**
- 15. For future generations of your family listening to this years from now: Is there any wisdom you'd want to pass on to them? What would you want them to know?**
- 16. Is there anything that you've never told your family or friends but want to tell them now?**

You can either record these yourself by writing them down, record on audio, or you can use the StoryCorp App or website located at the following:

The StoryCorps App

<https://storycorps.org/participate/storycorps-app/>

StoryCorps via Website

<https://storycorps.org/participate/storycorps-connect/>

Record an interview to leave behind what your family and loved ones want most from you – you and your stories. And for your financial assets, please call our office for assistance in putting together an inheritance plan.