

# ask now, listen forever.



**StoryCorps**<sup>®</sup>  
Mobile Tour

**Our mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives.**

Since 2003, tens of thousands of everyday people have shared stories with family and friends through StoryCorps. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the Library of Congress. StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, and millions listen to our broadcasts on NPR's *Morning Edition* and on [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org).

Everybody's story matters and every life counts, so we're trying to reach as many people as possible. In 2005 we created MobileBooths, recording studios housed in Airstream trailers, to tour the country year-round collecting stories.

*"The highlight of the interview was having my mother say she never knew how much I loved her until she saw my face as I was listening."*



*"I am so grateful to have done this. Everyone should do StoryCorps, because we don't live forever."*



## Who do you want to know more about?

It's easy to record an interview with someone important in your life. First, think of a person whose story you would like to hear. Second, reserve an appointment at one of our traveling recording studios. Third, visit our website for help in preparing your interview.

Reserve now:

[storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org)  
800-850-4406

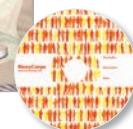
## A quiet place to talk and listen

When you arrive at the MobileBooth with your friend or loved one, a trained Facilitator will meet you to explain the process, make sure you feel comfortable in our recording space, and sit with you during the interview session.



## Memories that last a lifetime

A StoryCorps interview is an opportunity to ask the important questions. What have you learned in life? What are you most proud of? How would you like to be remembered? At the end of your 40-minute session, you'll take home a free broadcast-quality CD and with your permission, a copy will be archived at the Library of Congress.



# The StoryCorps Interview

## Step by Step

### Tips for a great conversation:

Look at your partner, not the microphone.

Stay interested and engaged.

Be yourself; you can laugh or even cry.

Emotional questions like “How does this make you feel?” often elicit thoughtful responses.

Don't be afraid to ask.

Be curious and honest, and keep an open heart. Great things will happen.

### Questions for a great conversation:

What was the happiest moment of your life?

What are you most proud of?

Who was the most important person in your life?

What are the most important lessons you've learned in life?

What is your earliest memory?

How do you want to be remembered?

Who was your first love?

Is there anything you've never told me but want to tell me now?

Visit [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org) for more suggestions.

## 01 STEP

**Welcome (2 min)** – The Facilitator will provide some background information about StoryCorps, explain his or her role in the interview process, and answer any questions you might have.



## 03 STEP

**Sound check (4 min)** – Once you and your interview partner are ready to proceed, the Facilitator will make sure you are positioned well for recording and check the audio levels.



## 05 STEP

**Your CD (3 min)** – When the interview is over, the Facilitator will give you a copy of the interview on CD. He or she will also explain the release form, which allows StoryCorps to keep one copy and send another to the archive at the Library of Congress.



## 02 STEP

**Prep (6 min)** – The Facilitator will walk you through the paperwork, which asks for basic personal information such as name, address, and ethnic background.



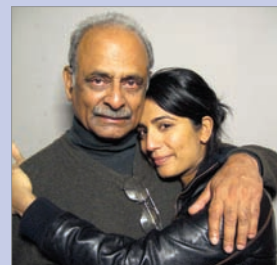
## 04 STEP

**The interview (40 min)** – While you and your partner are talking, the Facilitator will take notes, keep time, and monitor audio. Facilitators are not interviewers, though they may ask a question during the interview.



## 06 STEP

**Photos (5 min)** – Finally, the Facilitator will take photos of you and your interview partner, both together and separately. These photos will be included in the archive at the Library of Congress.

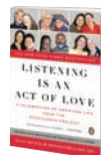


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- StoryCorps stories are broadcast weekly on **NPR's Morning Edition**.
- The Listen Pages feature hundreds of stories at [storycorps.org/listen](http://storycorps.org/listen).
- Subscribe to the StoryCorps podcast on iTunes and at [storycorps.org/listen/podcast](http://storycorps.org/listen/podcast).

## Read

- Sign up to receive weekly stories by email at [storycorps.org/ml](http://storycorps.org/ml).
- Discover new people and stories on our blog at [storycorps.org/blog](http://storycorps.org/blog).
- Purchase a copy of our bestselling book, *Listening Is an Act of Love*, available wherever books are sold.



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