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LET'S MAKE HISTORY TOGETHER

Welcome to The Great Thanksgiving Listen! By participating in this project, you will join thousands of students across the United States in interviewing an elder over Thanksgiving weekend using the StoryCorps App. If you choose, you and your recording partner will have the option to enter your recording into the StoryCorps archive in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, where your interview will become a primary source for current and future historians. You will also have a chance to keep your conversation private if you prefer.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE CENTER AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The StoryCorps Archive is housed in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The Library is the nation's first established cultural institution and the largest library in the world, with millions of items, including books, recordings, photographs, maps, and manuscripts, in its collections.

This project offers you and someone you know the unique opportunity to create a new record and preserve it as part of the Library's collections for generations to come.

Getting Started

- You will need access to a smartphone (iPhone or Android) or Kindle tablet and to download the free StoryCorps App to participate. You must be 13 or over to use the app; if you are under 18, you need parental consent to create an account on the StoryCorps App.
- Your StoryCorps App account and password will be the same for logging into the StoryCorps Archive at archive.storycorps.org, a public website where published interviews can be found online. If you decide to publish your interview, this is where it will go.
- Get comfortable with the app before recording the conversation of a lifetime! Download the app, register for an account with parental permission, record and publish a 10-second test, and log in to your StoryCorps Archive account from a desktop computer to view your test online. You will receive an email from StoryCorps when your file has uploaded.
- Experiment with editing the title, summary, and keywords of a test interview from a desktop computer or your app.
- Prepare for your interview by reading this sheet all the way through and using the *Interview Planning Worksheet* and *Great Questions List*.