



## MAKE HISTORY WITH STORYCORPS

### 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 or StoryCorps Connect. 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

- If recording with someone in another location using StoryCorps Connect, you and your partner will both need access to a smartphone, computer, or tablet with the latest device software and an internet connection. If recording with someone in the same room using the StoryCorps App, download the free StoryCorps App to a smartphone (iPhone or Android) or Kindle tablet. You must be 13 or over to use StoryCorps Connect, StoryCorps Archive, and the StoryCorps App; if you are between the ages of 13 and 18, you need parental consent to create an account on the StoryCorps Archive and record a story using either platform.
- Create your StoryCorps Archive account at [archive.storycorps.org](https://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. If you record using the StoryCorps App, you can use the same account name and password.
- Get comfortable with the StoryCorps App or StoryCorps Connect before recording the conversation of a lifetime! 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 via the StoryCorps App.
- Prepare for your interview by reading this sheet all the way through and using the Interview Planning Worksheet and Great Questions List.