

Julia Brock- Oral History Assignment #1 – Our First Interview

Step One – Find someone to interview

- Think about eras of history that interest you (The Civil Rights movement, the 1980s, the Red Scare, etc.)
- Find someone who was alive in this area. You can ask around in your church or school to find people who are willing to be interviewed

Step Two – Learn something about that person’s story. You can’t go into an interview if you don’t know what to ask! If you’re asking someone about the Civil Rights Movement, do a little research on the movement beforehand so you’re prepared.

Here are some resource ideas for your research

- Watch some YouTube videos
- Check out a book at the library
- Read some articles online

Step Three – Practice interviewing with your friends using your phone

Step Four – Load your practice interview into Descript (there is a video on The Story Acorn on how to do this) and practice editing in Descript

Step Five – Now you’re ready for your actual interview! Remember all the tips and tricks Dr. Brock gave in her mini masterclass, and you are set for a great outcome.

Remember: Your interviewees are people too! Approach your interview professionally, but at the end of the day the person you’re interviewing is human just like you.