

## **Interviewing Seniors at the Senior Center**

- Be sure you have turned in your permission slip to be absent from your 6th and 7th period class.
- We will meet at the Logan High School sign next to the Administration Building after the end of 5th period. 12:05-12:10.
- At 12:15 we will walk across to the Senior Center to arrive a little early. Interviews begin at 12:30.

### **Greeting your Interviewee**

- Greet the senior citizens with a warm smile, handshake, and greeting.
- Introduce yourself: name, grade level, and history class. Explain a little about the project.
- Thank them for taking the time to share their experiences with you.

### **Tips for a good interview:**

- If you are interviewing with a partner, share responsibilities of asking questions and writing down responses.
- Figure out quickly if your person was born in the US or is an immigrant from another nation. (e.g.. where were you born and raised?) Use the questions most appropriate to your person's main experience.
- Listen carefully to your senior citizens answers, and probe by asking another question to get them to give you more details.
- Make eye contact and nod when your interviewee is speaking. This body language will encourage them to give you more information.
- Figure out what the most important experiences were that shaped your person and ask more questions about this experience.

### **Concluding the Interview.**

- We will finish interviews at 1:45 to be sure that we have plenty of time to return before 8th period.
- tell your interviewee that we will be designing web pages about their experiences. We will contact them in the spring to show the interviews to them on the internet.
- Be sure to thank your interviewee, again.