

Song Interview Worksheet

When interviewing people, be sure it is okay to share what you learn by asking them right up front, “Do I have your permission to share this interview?”

Here are some starter questions for learning about the kinds of songs people know. Add your own questions. You might first talk about your favorite song to help them think of their own. You may interview different people to learn more. Think about ways to present your findings—audio or video, short report, webpage.

1. What is the name of a song that you learned as a young child?
2. What is one of your favorite songs?
3. What are the lyrics to the first verse of that song? (Use the back of this page.)
4. Is the song sung in English or in another language?
5. Are there gestures or body movements to go with the song? Can you dance to it?
6. Have you changed the song since you learned it? If yes, how so?
7. When, where, with whom, and how often do you sing the song? Is it on an ordinary or special occasion?
8. How did you learn to sing the song?
9. If you could teach the song to someone, who would it be, and why?
10. Would you sing the song for me? (Option: May I record it?)

Be sure to thank your interviewee!