

Life Text

Parent/ Guardian Interview

Central Question: What is the value of learning?

We have spent some time reading what others have said about education; now it is time to explore your parent or guardian's view. For this assignment you will interview your parent or guardian. The purpose of this assignment is to gain a deeper understanding of your parent or guardian's attitude toward education. I wonder what you will discover?

Suggestions:

- Ask your parent/ guardian if he or she has time to participate in an interview.
- Choose a comfortable place for your interview.
- Look at your parent when asking him or her a question and pay special attention to his or her answer.
- Remain sensitive throughout the interview process.
- Ask follow-up questions to learn more about a particular belief or experience.
- Seek to understand your loved one's experience.

Requirements:

- Your interview must have ten questions.
- You need to record your parent's answers to all ten questions.
- On a separate sheet of paper recreate and complete the following table. Each of the ten questions should have three parts: (1) your question; (2) the answer to your question; and (3) your observations and descriptions of your interviewee's behavior.
- During the interview, watch how your parent or guardian responds to the questions. Describe his or her responses in the box labeled "Observations/ Descriptions."

Template

Question 1:	Observations/ Descriptions:
Answer:	

Example

Sample question to parent: <i>How has education changed/ shaped your life?</i>	Observations/ Descriptions: <i>My mother answered this question without hesitation. She looked into my eyes and never looked away. I felt as though she was giving me advice for my future.</i>
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Sample Answer:

Education has opened many doors for me. Had I not received my degree, I wouldn't have been able to do what I am most passionate about, teaching young children.